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The Class of 2018 moves in on last year's Matriculation Day, Aug. 27, 2014.

Top headlines of last year

by Sarah Zheng
Executive News Editor

Tufts is constantly evolving. It is driven by a dynamic community that engages and challenges the university, and this manifested itself in a number of ways throughout the biggest stories of the 2014-2015 academic year.

September

Students returned to campus amid a controversial university decision to transfer ownership of the Tufts Educational Daycare Center (TEDCC) to the national daycare chain Bright Horizons Family Solutions after forty years as a Tufts-operated entity. This prompted community members to organize protests to "Save TEDCC," arguing that the change would mean a loss in the educational quality of "little Tufts."

Kappa Alpha Theta (KAΘ) and the now-suspended fraternity Sigma Nu celebrated the opening of their shared house on Curtis Street. This year, the house is being shared by KAΘ sorority members and residents of the Chinese House.

Tufts football broke its 31-game losing streak (the longest active streak at that time) with a 24-17 toppling of Hamilton at the team's season opener on Sept. 20. Thousands

of people rushed the field to celebrate after the final whistle blew, giving the football team its first victory in four straight seasons.

October

The university reached a tentative agreement with negotiators for a newly unionized group of part-time faculty following eight months of negotiations. The main disagreement between the faculty and the administration was over a 2008 pay freeze. Faculty demanded "equal pay for equal work," and up to 75 student protesters marched to support the cause.

November

The Tufts administration released an announcement outlining the status of their recently signed contract with DTZ, the contractor that employs Tufts' janitors. Negotiations to implement a new plan of operation for the university's custodial staff began in late October, but details were not yet released. University administrators emphasized that the new contract aimed to increase efficiency, improve sustainability and increase the ratio of full-time workers to part-time workers, while members of the Tufts Labor Coalition (TLC) expressed discontent at the potential janitorial layoffs, calling for no cuts to be made.

December

Tufts students joined Boston protests following the widespread outcry over the non-indictment of the police officer that fatally shot Michael Brown on Aug. 9, 2014. In the days after, students led a march through Somerville and Cambridge as part of the national #IndictAmerica movement, which responded to the killings of black men Brown and Eric Garner by white police officers.

January

As students returned to campus from their winter break, they were met by Juno, the blizzard that swept through the Northeast and caused Tufts to close its campuses for two days. As much as two feet of snow fell in the area, according to the National Weather Service.

Members of the then-named Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity unanimously voted to disaffiliate from their national organization due to differences in "long-term goals." The fraternity decided to transition into a Tufts-based fraternity that would either re-affiliate with a different national fraternity or maintain independent status.

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New shuttle program will replace Joey shuttle

by Isha Fahad
Assistant News Editor

The Joey campus shuttle service will be replaced with a new shuttle program this fall, switching from Joseph's Limousine & Transportation as a provider to A & A Metro Transportation.

According to Andrea Breault, transportation and fleet manager, the shuttles themselves, the shuttle schedule and the shuttle routes will all be revamped.

"The brand new set of fleet vehicles will all be wheelchair accessible, provide service to the new 574 Boston Avenue building and morning service along the Boston Avenue corridor," Breault said.

The A & A Metro shuttles, three of which will service the Davis Square route, will have around 12-24 pas-

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Transportation survey responses spark changes in shuttle system

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sengers per vehicle, similar to the previous shuttles, according to Breault.

Deputy Director of Public Safety Operations Lee Romprey said the cost of the new shuttle program has increased due to the new fleet vehicles, expanded service and wheelchair access, but he emphasized the importance of these changes.

"It is essential that all shuttle vehicles be updated to meet better engine, emission, safety and ADA [American Disabilities Act] standards," Romprey said.

According to Breault, the new shuttle service changes stem directly from student responses to the university's annual transportation survey from 2014. Over 4,800 members of the Tufts community participated in that transportation survey, administered by the Office of Sustainability, according to Program Administrator Betsy Byrum.

In an email to the Daily, Byrum said that 53 percent of students and 79.67 percent of all students living on campus responded that they were somewhat likely, likely or very likely to take advantage of changes to the campus shuttle schedules.

Both Romprey and Breault said that it

is important to review the schedules for on-time performance and adjust them as necessary.

According to Romprey, the Department of Public and Environmental Safety Administrative Services will be working with the student government on a monthly basis to better meet the transportation needs of students.

Students have had mixed opinions about the effectiveness of the previous Joey system.

"Both the Davis Square and Boston Ave. shuttles had their own drawbacks and inconveniences," Osama Haq, a Ph.D. student at Tufts, said. "Due to its limited schedule, I could not take it for my morning classes. But when I did, I had to walk a lot to get to class each day."

Inaccurate tracking was also a problem with the Davis Square shuttle, according to Haq.

"The time appearing for the shuttle to arrive was always lesser than it actually took to reach the stop," Haq said. "Last winter, I remember the time when a group of 40 to 50 students with me started walking together [from Davis Square to the Campus Center] in frustration, because the shuttle was extremely late."

Haq added that the shuttles were often very crowded because they had insufficient seating capacity or were very bumpy.

Other students, such as alumnus Audrey Michael, enjoyed the Joey's service.

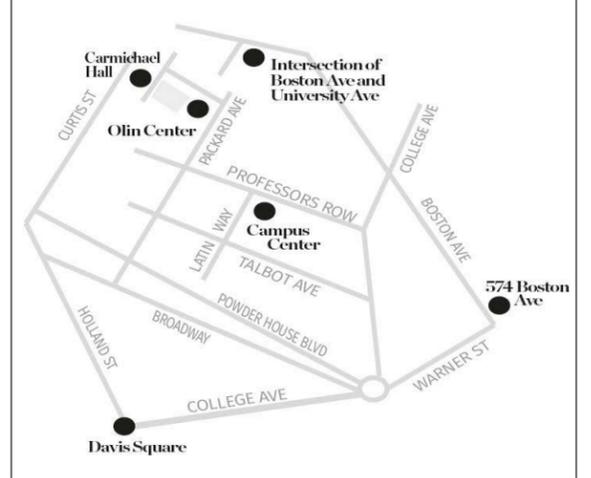
"The drivers were always nice, and I felt like the bus made good time," Michael (LA '15) said. "Because I used it so much, I got a feel for when it would actually show up at stops, so for the most part I never had an issue catching the bus I intended to take."

She added that while the Joey would occasionally get crowded, she never felt like the shuttles were too small.

"I loved the Joey and am sad that they've replaced it; I don't know how I would have lived without it," Michael said. "Especially in the winter and at night when there are plenty of reasons you wouldn't want to walk back to campus, the Joey is definitely essential."

The schedules for the new shuttle program, according to Romprey and

Tufts Shuttle Changes: New Stops, New Company



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The new shuttle will make stops on Boston Ave on its way to Davis Square. It will be run by the A & A Metro Company instead of Joseph's Transportation.

Breault, will be the following:

Davis Square will run from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Mon. - Thurs., 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m. Fri. - Sat. with a relief shuttle from 6:00 p.m. - 12 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sun.

Boston Avenue will run from 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

SFMA/NEC will run from 7:55 a.m. - 10:45 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

Torn Ticket II loses access to drama department resources

by Sophie Lehrenbaum
News Editor

The Drama Department has banned Torn Ticket II from using the Balch Arena Theater and other resources for its major fall theater production, following a safety violation committed by two students in the spring. The incident involved members of the student-run musical theatre group operating a power saw without supervision.

Torn Ticket II President Lucy Kania, a junior, said that the students involved in the incident were not aware that they were violating department rules, but that the group has accepted the restrictions it will face in the upcoming semester.

In addition to not being able to use the Balch theater, Kania said that the group will be restricted from using the Drama Department's costume shop, which contains costumes, props and furniture.

"These are resources that student designers like myself depend on in order to gain practical experience in theatre design and construction, and losing our access to them deprives us of valuable learning opportunities," she said.

In the wake of the incident, the Torn Ticket II leadership has taken steps over the summer to create a "Code of Conduct," a concrete set of standards for students involved in the organization, and a Production Staff Handbook to address issues regarding institutional memory, according to Kania.

"Repairing the relationship with the Drama Department is my number one priority as president, because I value the Drama Department's mentorship and resources, and I know that [Torn Ticket II] wants and deserves to learn from them," Kania said.

Kania expressed the importance of keeping all members on the same page and fully aware of the functions within Torn Ticket, which according to former president Tyler Beardsley, had not been clearly delineated before.

Beardsley, a senior, explained that there is a complicated, mutualistic nature to the

relationship between Torn Ticket and the Drama Department.

"They give us access to many resources, we take their classes," he explained. "It's all under the understanding that we will utilize their spaces and equipment correctly. Honestly, the lines of communication are not as strong as they need to be...[and] it's wrong to say that the problem is entirely Torn Ticket or the Drama Department's fault."

Drama and Dance Department Chair Heather Nathans echoed the idea that both groups need to take steps to improve communication between them.

"We're all taking a semester to review how we can promote safety, accountability and good collaboration — all of which are critical values in our program," Nathans told the Daily in an email. "We need everyone to stay invested in the conversation, stay patient and remember that we're not looking for a quick fix. Thus far, the leaders of Torn Ticket II have been fantastic partners in that process."

Nathans said she understands the difficulties that are intrinsic to running an organization like Torn Ticket, and commended the efforts that its leadership has put forth.

"Part of the challenge when you have multiple teams working together to produce a show can be clarity and timeliness of conversations and consultations," she wrote. "It's also incredibly difficult for students overseeing a show to guarantee that all of their members/volunteers are adhering to the safety and space-use requirements for the theater."

Beardsley said the restrictions will not hurt Torn Ticket's production quality.

"We are a TCU-funded group," Beardsley said. "We have our own costume stock and prop stock and a large budget that we can spend on lights and sets, and we own our own piano and musical instruments...It's going to be absolutely fine."

He added that in past years, the group's fall production has been performed in other venues besides Balch Arena Theater, citing an outdoor production of "Cinderella" back in 2010.



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Due to a safety violation, Torn Ticket II will no longer be able to use the drama department's production resources and performance spaces.

Despite the limitations facing the group now, Nathans hopes that the working relationship between Torn Ticket and the department will emerge all the stronger and better suited to address both groups' needs.

"Our Torn Ticket II students are extremely talented and invested in their work," Nathans said. "We want to create an environment where they can realize their projects in the most collaborative, supported and safe way possible. I hope that the impact will be a positive one in

the end, even if the process has felt difficult at times along the way."

Torn Ticket's major fall musical "Little Shop of Horrors" will be held in Cohen Auditorium in lieu of the Balch theater, according to Kania.

Kania believes that creative solutions to cope with these changes will be key to the group's preparations for the fall production, and she expressed her confidence in the production's quality.

After all, the show must go on.

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Last year's biggest news

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February

Tufts continued to endure the region's record snowfall, which brought the number of total snow days in the spring semester to six on the Medford/Somerville campus. Some faculty members struggled with the impact the cancellations had on students and academic schedules.

With a sweeping majority, the full-time, non-tenured faculty at Tufts voted to form a union. This followed the decision of Tufts' part-time lecturers to unionize in October. The newly unionized full-time faculty then began the process of negotiating with the university collectively.

Mark Brimhall-Vargas was hired to fill the new position of chief diversity officer and associate provost. The hire came in response to findings from the Diversity Report that there needed to be greater administrative oversight into diversity problems at Tufts.

March

The City of Somerville Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to pass an ordinance that would require Tufts to provide the board with a list of the addresses of its students living off campus. The ordinance is intended to aid the enforcement of zoning regulations that limit off-campus residences to no more than four unrelated people. Student concern about housing options had escalated after the law was first proposed in September, and a few students were evicted from their off-campus houses due to violations of the residency restriction.

While the university continued to clear snow from the campus, janitors and students marched down Boston Ave. to protest the proposed cuts to janitorial jobs. Students from TLC negotiated with members of the Tufts administration and DTZ, the janitor's contractor.

Acceptance letters were sent out to the Class of 2019 at the end of the month. Tufts drew its most competitive applicant pool in university history, and also saw a record number of early decision applicants.

April

This was a month of many firsts. Tufts began accepting applications from undocumented students after Tufts United for Immigrant Justice (UIJ) spearheaded a policy change in undergraduate admissions. Kesha became the first female headliner

of the annual Spring Fling concert since 1983. Then-junior Brian Tesser became TCU Senate President after accepting the sole nomination for president, an event the Elections Commission chair described as "unprecedented." Tesser ran on a platform that included issues such as student housing, increased inclusion on campus and improvement of career services, receiving 67 percent of the eligible votes from a voter turnout of 11.65 percent of the student body.

Student protesters organized a demonstration during the unveiling of the new Jumbo sculpture outside Barnum Hall, which was gifted by alumnus Richard W. Reynolds (LA '67). The students' actions were made to call attention to impending job cuts that the Tufts custodial staff would face. A couple of weeks after the Jumbo statue protest, seven students and a number of non-students were arrested at a march against the planned cuts that included over 100 protesters and at least 70 Tufts students.

A group of protesters that consisted mainly of Tufts Climate Action members began a sit-in at University President Anthony Monaco's office to demand that Tufts divest from fossil fuels in the next five years. Director of Public Relations Kim Thurler said that the student protesters violated university policy by entering Monaco's office. The protesters said they were threatened with severe disciplinary action – including expulsion – if they did not suspend their sit-in.

May

TLC protested Tufts' decision to lay off 20 janitors after reaching what the group deemed an impasse in their negotiations with university administrators. The students escalated their actions on behalf of the janitorial staff with a week-long hunger strike that received widespread campus and media attention. Their organizing continued after the strike into Tufts' Commencement ceremony, where numerous students held up signs expressing support for the janitors while Monaco was speaking.

At the end of the month, the Tufts campus was temporarily placed on lockdown after a stabbing occurred inside the Delta Tau Delta (DTD) fraternity house early in the morning. Two people – neither of whom were DTD members – were transported to Mass. General Hospital, and a Tufts student was questioned as a "person of interest."



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Students celebrate a big win for the football team on Sept. 27, 2014.



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Maintenance employees work to clear the heavy snowfall from campus pathways on Jan. 27.



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Kesha performs at Tufts' annual Spring Fling concert on April 25.

Jianmin Qu becomes new Dean of Engineering

by **Miranda Willson**
Assistant News Editor

On Aug. 3, Jianmin Qu officially assumed the role of dean of Tufts' School of Engineering.

Qu, the former chair of the department of civil and environmental engineering at Northwestern University, succeeds Linda Abriola, who served as dean for the past 12 years. He has worked in academia for nearly three decades and is the co-author of two textbooks, including the widely read "Fundamentals of Micromechanics of Solids."

"I've gotten the warmest welcome from everyone I've met and every office I've visited," he said. "I have not yet had



Dean Qu

the opportunity to meet with students, but I'm looking forward to their return."

Qu described Tufts' School of Engineering as "young, dynamic and growing." This year marked the 150th anniversary of the engineering program at Tufts, but an independent engineering school was not established until 2000, according to Qu.

"Under the leadership of Dean Abriola, the engineering school has made great strides and grown significantly over the last ten years in size and stature," he said.

Provost David Harris said a large, diverse committee of faculty, students, staff and alumni selected Qu for the position last May after searching and reviewing candidates for several months.

"Dean Qu has the right mix of skills for this critical position," Harris told the Daily in an email. "He is an accomplished researcher, educator and administrator, with an appreciation for tradi-

tion and innovation. He also has a set of values that are consistent with what we are trying to accomplish at Tufts and in the School of Engineering."

As dean, Qu said he will provide leadership to students, faculty and staff in the School of Engineering. His role also includes generating support for the department and building connections within Tufts, across universities and with partners outside of universities, Qu explained.

Qu, who is the first dean of Asian origin at Tufts, said he will aim to address the rising cost of higher education and issues of diversity and representation within the School of Engineering. Specifically, he believes Tufts should strive to attract more women, minorities and students from underprivileged backgrounds to the field of engineering.

"I think ensuring all qualified students can have a top education regardless of their family's ability to pay is one of the major challenges we're fac-

ing today," he added. "It's going to be extremely challenging over the next 10 or 20 years to accomplish these things, and if we don't do them right, we will fail the next generation."

Rather than view a certain position or job as the most exciting point in his career, Qu said there have been many things about his different jobs that he has appreciated. He added that working as the department chair at Northwestern has best prepared him for serving as a dean.

"Being a university professor, there's never a dull moment," he said. "Every day I learn something new and it's all valuable to me."

With the support of the administration, faculty, staff and students, Qu feels confident that Tufts will continue to enjoy the same growth under his leadership that it did under Dean Abriola's.

"Tufts will be known for engineering in the future," he said. "It's an honor to be part of this transformation process."

Alpha Gamma Delta joins Greek community

by **Melissa Kain**
News Editor

This fall, Alpha Gamma Delta (AGD) will join the Tufts Greek community as the fifth sorority on campus.

Informal recruitment for AGD will begin during the fall semester, which will result in a charter class. That class will then participate in formal recruitment in the spring, according to former Panhellenic Council President Adiel Pollydore (LA '15).

Erica Warfield, Panhellenic Council's Director of Recruitment, said AGD's recruitment process will be similar to that of Kappa Alpha Theta (KAΘ), a sorority whose chapter at Tufts was established two years ago.

"It's great that we still have the founding sisters of [Kappa Alpha] Theta here on campus to...help AGD settle down," Warfield, a senior, said.

The process of bringing the two new sororities to Tufts began in 2012 when the university reviewed information about 23 sororities from the National Panhellenic Conference, according to Pollydore. From there, an extension committee comprised of members of the Panhellenic Council, members of other sororities and administration members narrowed the sororities down to KAΘ and AGD.

According to Pollydore, the arrival of AGD is due in part to an increased demand among the student body for another sorority on campus.

"Tufts had three Panhellenic sororities on campus and there definitely seemed to be a need from women in the community to create more," Pollydore said.

Warfield also noted the high demand for new sororities. She believes interest in Greek life at Tufts has grown in the past few years, as evidenced by the high number of women who participate in recruitment.

"Based on my own experience...I really think that in the past few years, Greek life has just expanded enormously," she said. "Every year, it seems like we get more and more girls that are signing up for recruitment...and Tufts is working with us to accommodate these new people."

"I think that adding a new sorority to campus...will diversify the experience in Panhellenic sororities, and actually be a benefit to the Tufts community."

Both Pollydore and Warfield emphasized the importance of bringing a unique sorority to campus.

"With a small Panhellenic community like we have at Tufts, it's really important that we're bringing...breadth and diversity," Pollydore said. "It's about finding organizations that stood out to us in the extension process. From my under-

standing, AGD was just bringing a lot of fresh ideas about how they could incorporate themselves into the Tufts community, and really being able to meet the niche within the community that might not have been met otherwise."

Pollydore added that she hoped this change would allow a whole new group of women, who may never have joined a sorority or may not have found a good fit in the other four campus sororities, find a home in AGD.

In order to figure out how to make their sorority appealing to Tufts women, representatives from AGD attended a series of meetings and information sessions with the extension committee, Pollydore said.

"It's awesome to be in that room and share the different ways in which our campus is unique, and how they can meet our needs," she continued. "It's not going to be like an outside organization coming in and asserting their presence...they want to create a new avenue for women who are already engaged and leaders on campus to continue to grow by being a part of a sorority."

Pollydore expressed enthusiasm for this upcoming year, and the growth of the Panhellenic community at Tufts.

"I think that adding a new sorority to campus...will diversify the experience in Panhellenic sororities, and actually be a benefit to the Tufts community," Pollydore said. "That's my hope: that this can [have] a positive impact and be a really good thing that's done."

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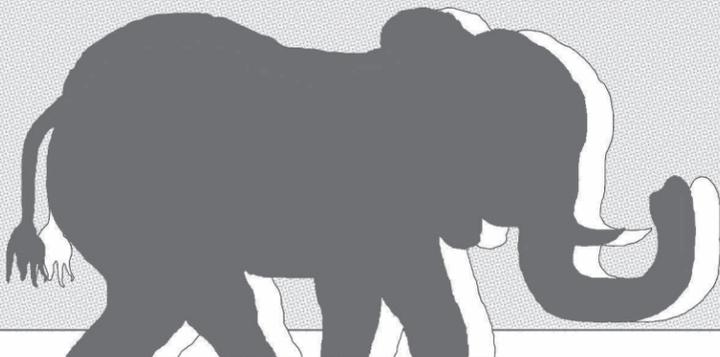
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Friday 9/11

6:30 | Fall Gala | Academic Quad

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9:30 | Jurassic World | Barnum 008

Saturday 9/12

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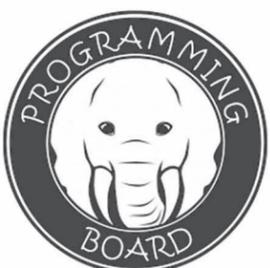
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9:30 | Jurassic Park | Barnum 008

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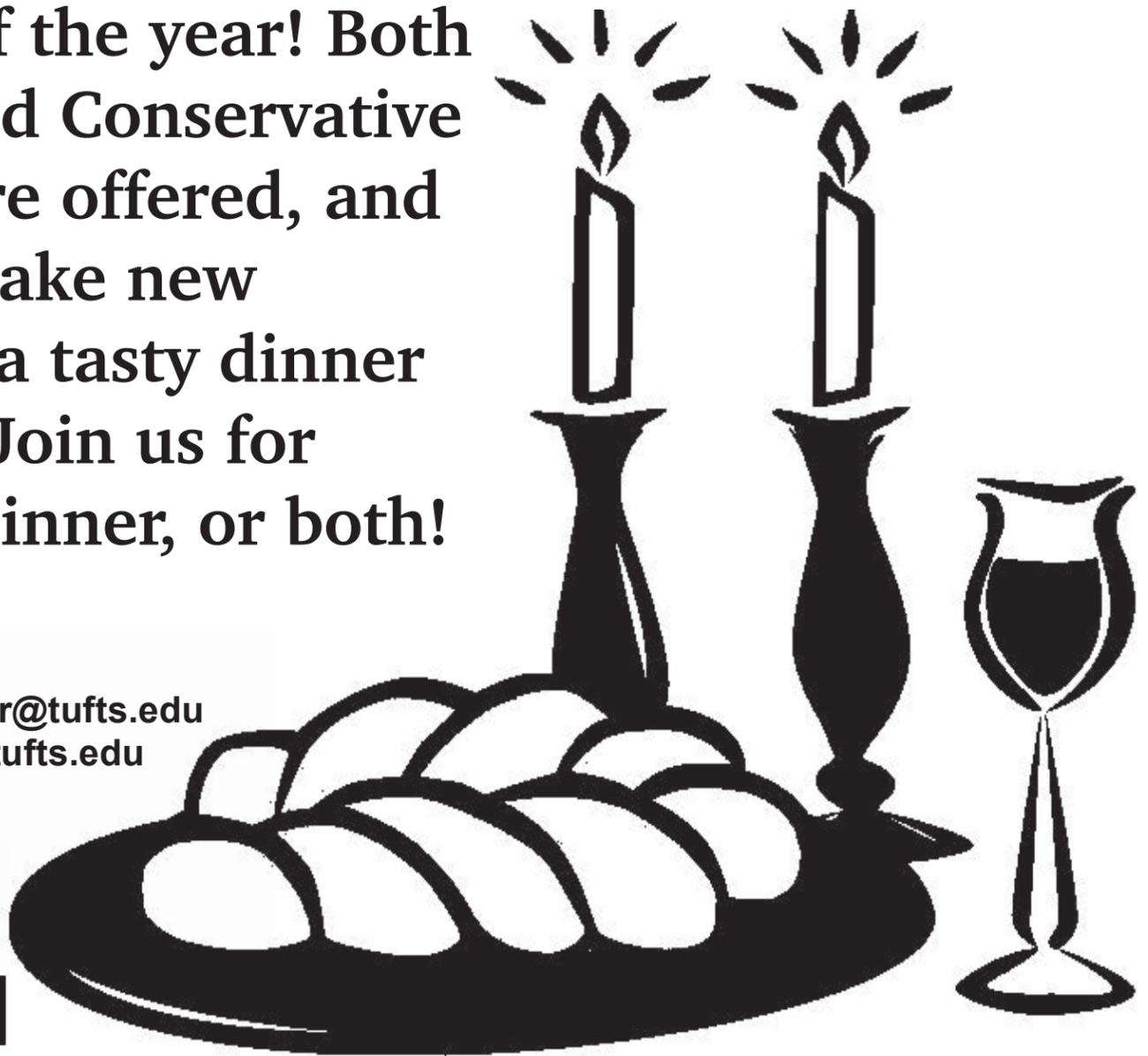
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An enthusiastic group participant writes down her ideas on how to improve the busy Boston Ave. / College Ave. intersection on Wed., April 1.

Tufts collaborates with MBTA for new academic building

by Kendall Todd
Features Editor

The many hours Tufts students have spent waiting for a ride on the Joey to Davis Square so that they may catch the Red Line into Boston may soon come to an end. This summer, Tufts confirmed plans for a new academic building over the planned Green Line T stop at the intersection of Boston Ave. and College Ave. in Medford.

According to a June 16 TuftsNow article, the project is slated for completion in 2020 and will include a footbridge connecting the new building to the Medford/Somerville campus. In addition to extending the Green Line from its current terminus at Lechmere Station in Cambridge, the new space will also include classrooms, meeting rooms, offices and conference spaces.

Due to a public-private partnership between the MBTA, the City of Medford, Tufts and the Cummings Foundation, which donated the funds for the project to Tufts, many of these rooms will be available for use by the local community. The Cummings Foundation is a charitable foundation founded by Bill Cummings (LA '58) and Joyce Cummings. The couple and their foundation have historically given substantially to Tufts and also helped support local organizations and charities.

In a press conference on June 15, University President Anthony Monaco spoke about the plan for this space.

"The Cummings have been wonderful friends to Tufts and to the greater community, and their philanthropy has been vital to many of Tufts' schools and programs," Monaco said. "Their visionary project will enhance public spaces for community use and also help knit together our campus, which is separated by both the railroad right of way and Boston Avenue."

The TuftsNow article also outlines plans for a new retail space designed to service T-patrons and pedestrians, more accessible sidewalks and a pathway to the neighborhood near Burget Ave.

Kimberly Thurler, a spokesperson from Tufts, talked about what this new academic building would mean to Tufts and the surrounding community.

"This will enable Tufts to create a signature destination that will serve as a new 'front door' to the university's Medford/Somerville campus," she said in an email to the Daily. "The new building will offer much-needed space for teaching and research. [Its] design and orientation will knit together the portions of our Medford/Somerville campus that are separated by the rail line, make the campus more accessible to students, faculty, staff and neighbors and support closer ties with

our [campus] in downtown Boston. [The Boston campus is home to the School of Medicine, the School of Dental Medicine, the Sackler School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences and the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy.] The planned footbridge will route pedestrians from the very busy Boston Avenue/College Avenue intersection and enhance safety for pedestrians and drivers."

Barbara Rubel, the director of community relations at Tufts, explained the close partnership between Tufts, the City of Medford and the MBTA.

"The planned College Avenue Station and Tufts' associated academic building are close to a residential neighborhood in Medford," Rubel told the Daily in an email. "We are working closely with the city of Medford and our neighbors, as well as the MBTA, on the project. Neighbors had requested that the MBTA incorporate a direct path from their homes to the station. The Tufts building design improves on the original design and incorporates a pathway from Burget and Sunset Avenues to the building. We will continue to meet with the neighbors as the design progresses."

Through a donation from the Cummings, the building will be funded entirely by Tufts University.

As of Aug. 24, however, the MBTA announced that the construction

of the new Green Line stop could face additional delays, as the project could cost up to \$1 billion more than the originally anticipated \$1.99 billion. According to an Aug. 24 article in The Boston Globe, there is now some doubt that the project will be completed.

In December, the MBTA was pledged nearly \$1 billion in federal money; however, if the T is unable to find additional sources of income to make up for the budget gap, this money may be rescinded. Some Somerville residents worry that cancellation or delays on the project will depreciate the values of their homes, which have been rising in recent years.

An Aug. 26 article from The Boston Globe quotes Steve Novak, a Somerville real estate agent at Redfin, who explained the effect the plans for the new station have had on real estate in the area.

"People who are looking in that area are all very aware of the Green Line extension," he said. "Prices have already increased because of anticipation, and people are banking on it going even higher once they finish. There's a huge buzz around the area about it."

For more information on the Green Line Extension, as well as simulated rides from the Lechmere station to the planned Union Square and College Ave. stations, visit <http://greenlineextension.eot.state.ma.us/>.

F FEATURES

A comprehensive guide to Tufts from A to Z

by **Mengqi Sun**
Executive Features Editor

A cappella: Tufts has nine different a cappella groups — which is one of the reasons why “Pitch Perfect” writer Mickey Rapkin partially based his 2008 book on Tufts. (The book has since become the source material for the top-grossing film series of the same name.) Some groups, such as Jackson Jills, have enjoyed more than 50 years of history of performances. Watching these various groups perform is an absolute must during your four years at Tufts!

AcornHead: Created by artist Leslie Fry, the “Colossal AcornHead” came to Tufts in 2012 and was the first public sculpture installed on the Medford/Somerville campus. It represents a special connection between humans and the natural world. Though it briefly left Tufts for the 2013-2014 school year, the beloved AcornHead has since returned to its home on the Hill.

Bubs: Short for the Beelzebubs, this is an all-male a cappella group on campus famous for providing the vocals for the Warblers on “Glee” (2009-2015) and taking second place in the first season of NBC’s “The Sing-Off” (2009-present). The Bubs performed for President Barack Obama in 2010 and are celebrating their 53rd anniversary this year.

Crafts Center: This is a Tufts Community Union-funded, student-run arts and crafts maker-space located in the basement of Lewis Hall. Possible artsy activities include 3D printing, candle and soap making, jewelry and button making and ceramics. The Center even runs free workshops throughout the year, and you can drop by every-day except Saturdays.

Daily: Formally known as The Tufts Daily, the independent student-run newspaper is ranked the No. 10 college newspaper in the nation last year by the Princeton Review. Tufts is the smallest research university to have a daily newspaper.

Early Decision: Unlike many schools, Tufts matriculates students from not one, but two rounds of Early Decision (ED) applicant pools. The Class of 2019 saw the highest number of ED applicants in Tufts history — 1,839 to be exact.

Fall Gala: This is the first big event on campus in the fall. Held on the Academic Quad annually, it features a DJ, a live band, a photo booth, food and more. This year’s event is scheduled to be held on the evening of Friday, Sept. 11.

Gifford House: This brick house on Packard Ave. is where University President Anthony Monaco allegedly lives. Each spring, the seniors

are invited over to have dinner with him and alumni. On Halloween, the house is decorated while Monaco, sometimes accompanied by his wife, wears a costume and welcomes Tufts students and local children with treats for trick or treat.

GoSafe: The system that allows you to call campus police if you feel unsafe walking home late at night and want a ride or escort back to your dorm. Just call 617-627-3030 and leave your information.

Hodgdon On-the-Run: Located in the basement of Hodgdon Hall, this take-out spot has plenty of food options — wraps, burritos, pasta, snacks, beverages and more. The space was renovated during the summer of 2014 and remains open until 10PM Monday through Thursday. It is a great place to grab a bite to eat for a meal or for a late-night snack.

IGL: The Institute for Global Leadership, or IGL, aims to help the Tufts community to understand and engage with difficult global issues through their courses and mentorship programs. Offerings from the IGL range from intensive courses on regions each year (EPIIC), to social entrepreneurship (BUILD), to research (Synaptic Scholars).

Jumbo: Tufts’ mascot, Jumbo the elephant, is the only mascot to appear in Webster’s Dictionary. Jumbo was a male African elephant that belonged to P.T. Barnum. When a train hit Jumbo in Ontario, Canada, Barnum donated the elephant’s hide, which was eventually put on display in the Barnum Museum of Natural History (now Barnum Hall). After a fire at Barnum Hall in 1975, Jumbo’s ashes were put in a peanut butter jar, and athletes have traditionally rubbed the container for good luck. A new life-size bronze sculpture of the world famous mascot was unveiled this April in front of Barnum.

Kosher Deli: Opened in 2014, Pax et Lox Glatt Kosher Deli is located adjacent to the campus center and offers a variety of kosher sandwiches and sides for those seeking alternatives to dining hall options.

LCS: Leonard Carmichael Society, known around campus as LCS, is a completely student-run umbrella organization for community service that has been active for more than 55 years. With 32 different programs and approximately 1200 volunteers annually, it’s easy to find your niche there.

Moe’s: Started in 2007, the Moe’s BBQ Trolley is a popular spot for a quick late-night bite on weekends, where it is parked conveniently at the corner of Professors Row and Packard Avenue. Sometimes a greasy cheeseburger is just what you need on a late Friday night.

Naked Quad Run: Though it was banned in 2011 due to safety concerns, this tradition remains a central piece of Tufts’ history. Every December, students would gather to take a naked lap around the quads. The popularity of the event grew consistently until it was terminated.

O-Shows: O-Shows stands for Orientation Shows, which are put on by Tufts’ student groups during Orientation week. They showcase what the Tufts performance scene has to offer and welcome many first-years and transfer students to the community. Check out page 13 for more information about this year’s O-Shows.

Prez Lawn: Short for President’s Lawn, this is the open space next to Tisch Library facing Professor Row. On nice fall and spring days, it’s a great place to enjoy the sunshine with a book in hand or take a nap with your head against a tree. Even though everybody tries to get some work done there, let’s face it, it’s impossible. On snow days, it turns into a natural playground where students and local children alike go sledding down the hill.

Quads: Great places for big events like Fall Gala or casual activities like frisbee, the Res and Academic quads are important hubs for student activity.

Rainbow Steps: These are steps at the intersection of Winthrop and Capen streets — though the bright colors for which they were named have since faded somewhat since their installation. Previously called the “rape steps” colloquially, legend has it they were built specifically so that women could use them to run back to campus faster and more easily than men could, thereby avoiding harassment.

Red Line: This is the branch of the T — the MBTA subway line — that stops in Davis Square and runs across the Charles River. It’s an easy way for Tufts students to get to Harvard Square, downtown Boston and South Station.

SIS: Short for Student Information System, this is Tufts’ online system for recording student information. Launched as iSIS, the Integrated Student Information System, in 2014, the system changed back to its original name last September in order to distance itself from militant group ISIS (the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria). You can log on to register for classes, view your schedule and manage your tuition bills from this online portal.

TEMS: Tufts Emergency Medical Services has provided prompt emergency medical attention to the Tufts community since 1985. Students can become members of the team once certified as emergency medical technicians in Mass.

Tisch Rooftop: The library roof where you can hang out with your friends, stargaze and even study — there are outlets to plug in your laptop. Go here for a stellar view of Boston’s skyline or a great photo opportunity.

Tuftslife.com: The student-run website where you can — or rather, could — find a daily schedule of events, sublets, sales, job listings and more. After an unsuccessful attempt for a new look with an unpopular response, the website has been offline since this February for a redesign, and is preparing for relaunch soon.

Uphill: There are two kinds of people at Tufts: uphill people and downhill people. If you find yourself living in Hill Hall or Houston, preferring Carm to Dewick and valuing access to the quads over access to Davis, chances are you’re an uphill person.

Veterinary School: The School of Veterinary Medicine, located at Tufts’ campus in Grafton, Mass., was established in 1978. It was renamed the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts in 2003 when the Cummings foundation pledged a \$50 million donation, and it remains the only veterinary school in New England.

Walnut Hill: The hill you climb up and down all day on campus. Get used to it, even though nobody uses its actual name.

X-College: The Experimental College — Ex-College for short — offers a host of interdisciplinary classes not offered in the traditional departments. The courses are very often taught by Tufts students, faculty and other experts from the Boston-area. Topics of upcoming classes this semester range from improv to Argentine Tango to firsthand perspectives on Iraq.

YOLO: The oft-used phrase “you only live once” has its own special place in Tufts’ cultural history. The Office of Undergraduate Admission — known for its quirky supplement questions — got a lot of attention for asking the Class of 2018, “What does #YOLO mean to you?”

Zip Code: Our campus is split between two zip codes. Depending on where you are, you could be in 02155 — Medford — or 02144, which means you’re in Somerville. While this distinction is important when it comes to registering to vote, it matters a lot less for mail: all students who live in dorms ship their packages to Tufts Mail Services, which uses the 02155 zip code.

Editor’s note: This article contains information used in previous Matriculation issues.

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New collaborative research center launched to gain insights into human behavior

by **Sophie Lehrenbaum**
News Editor

In collaboration with the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center (NSRDEC), Tufts University inaugurated the new Center for Applied Brain and Cognitive Sciences (CABCS) in April. Located in the School of Engineering labs at 200 Boston Ave., the center is operated by researchers hailing from both organizations who hope to gain a better understanding of the impacts of demanding environments on people.

With a team consisting of Scientific Manager Dr. Tad Brunye and Program Managers Dr. Heather Urry, an associate professor of psychology, and Dr. Matthias Scheutz, a professor of computer science, CABCS will embrace an interdisciplinary approach to complex problems that extend across different domains of science and engineering.

“The Center...[is] bringing together experts from multiple scientific and engineering disciplines in academia and government to solve real-world challenges in the brain and cognitive sciences,” Brunye said.

Brunye emphasized that the joint commitment to addressing similar issues, which brought Tufts and NSRDEC together, sets the Center apart from existing research labs affiliated with Tufts.

“Traditionally, government organizations fund scientific endeavors but do not necessarily actively engage in collaborative research,” he said. “The Center, however, takes a uniquely collaborative approach in

this regard, establishing shared goals and forging strong active collaborations between Tufts faculty and civilian scientists from the Army laboratories.”

The idea to develop this collaborative research center was first formulated three years ago, when Co-Directors Professor of Psychology Dr. Holly Taylor and Dr. Caroline Mahoney from the U.S. Army NSRDEC sought to find a way to enrich the existing research relationship between their respective institutions, according to Brunye. Taylor leads the Spatial Cognition Laboratory within the Psychology department, while Mahoney, who received her Ph.D. from Tufts, directs the Cognitive Science team at the U.S. Army NSRDEC.

Taylor noted that CABCS came to fruition due to the support and assistance they received from beyond the Psychology department.

“The momentum to make the Center a reality came when Dean Linda Abriola, former dean of Tufts School of Engineering, recognized the Center as an opportunity to truly support interdisciplinary, cross-school collaboration,” Taylor said.

CABCS also includes a Research Advisory Committee (RAC), which is comprised of representatives from Tufts and NSRDEC, as well as individuals from outside the two institutions. The role of the RAC is to scrutinize and provide feedback on initial program reviews, annual reviews and proposals for continuation. Furthermore, the Center’s specific objectives are meant to be supported and advanced by RAC members, several of

whom are directly involved in some of CABCS’ projects.

This past spring through May 15, the nascent Center began requesting research proposals. It ultimately received nine applications for consideration from faculty in the Schools of Medicine, Nutrition, Engineering and Arts and Sciences. Brunye described the proposals as auspicious, stating that their authors were all invited to revise and resubmit their ideas to compete for possible funding.

The proposals for 2015 were to fall within the bounds of one of four fixed topics: “understanding humans and supporting systems,” “monitor, characterize and optimize cognitive and non-cognitive states,” “understanding the immersed ambulatory human” and “pioneering individual to team translation.”

“Topics ranged from delivering low-current electrical stimulation to brain regions responsible for the control of attention and behavior to developing and validating mobile systems for monitoring and interpreting gestural communications,” Brunye said.

The projects that CABCS is currently undertaking boast investigator teams that match the Center’s interdisciplinary focus: psychologists are teaming up with engineers and computer scientists to carry out many of the research projects. The projects themselves are varied as well; titles for current projects include “Mobile sign and gesture recognition system for communication in impoverished environments,” “Using neuro-cognitive multi-modal techniques to

assess mental workload in real-world language contexts” and “A Pilot Study of the Influence of Different Urban Environments on Mental States.”

Besides innovative interdisciplinary research projects, Brunye emphasized that the Center promises both graduate and undergraduate students valuable work experience with groundbreaking technologies for monitoring neural activity, employing virtual reality to mimic the real world, stimulating cortical activity, tracking eye movements and examining behavioral processes.

“The cutting-edge technologies offered by the Center provide novel, unprecedented opportunities for faculty and students to engage in basic and applied sciences,” Brunye said.

Mahoney agreed and added that the collaboration between the two organizations also provides researchers access to equipment beyond what is available at 200 Boston Ave.

“The new collaborative effort allows Tufts students and faculty the opportunity to use special resources at NSRDEC such as the state of the art environmental chambers,” Mahoney said.

After a few months of developing infrastructure and research capabilities, the Center has begun to collect data, setting its real work into motion, according to Brunye.

“The Center has broadened the impact of Army science and technology investments by supporting innovative faculty research that pushes the boundaries of human performance enhancement,” he said.

Tufts Common Reading Program introduces incoming students to Tufts’ core values for 10th year

by **Nicole Brooks**
Features Editor

Over the summer, Tufts continued its 10-year tradition of welcoming incoming students to the community with a Common Reading book. For the Class of 2019, that book is “Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, in the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation,” Eboo Patel’s autobiographical tale about growing up Muslim in America and his efforts to promote religious pluralism.

According to Laura Doane, associate dean for orientation and student transition, the goals of the Common Reading Program are not only to serve as an introduction to the Tufts community, but also to explore interdisciplinary approaches to timely topics connected to Tufts’ core values.

“The Common Reading book is intended, in part, to ask incoming students to reflect on their own experience, to think about their expectations when joining their new community at Tufts and be thoughtful about what it means to be in a new environment with folks who have a wide variety of [experiences] and perspectives,” Doane told the Daily in an email.

Books selected for the Common Reading program are meant to be interdisciplinary in nature not only to connect with incoming Tufts students, but also to foster open dialogue and critical thinking skills, according to Doane.

Eboo Patel’s memoir about his academic journey, his commitment to public

service and his embrace of religious and philosophical pluralism “helps the reader to think about pluralism in the widest possible sense,” Doane said.

The Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC), a non-profit organization Patel founded in 2002, characterizes religious pluralism as respecting other people’s identities, encouraging relationships among people from different backgrounds and working for the common good.

Focusing on Patel’s collegiate experiences, which exposed him to ideas of religious pluralism, “Acts of Faith” reflects Tufts’ core values of community engagement, contributions to the common good, commitment to active citizenship and open collaboration, according to Senior Director of Tisch College Programs Mindy Nierenberg.

“Patel’s message of pluralism and the ability to understand others with very different perspectives and being open to hearing other perspectives is important,” Nierenberg said. “I also think that Patel was really inspired to begin working in the community when he was a college student and that this is the time when you can really explore whatever you are passionate about and are interested in exploring intellectually.”

As a collaborative venture sponsored by Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service and the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate and Graduate Students, the Common Reading book is selected each year by the Common Reading Committee, which consists of faculty, staff and students.



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Eboo Patel, whose “Acts of Faith” was this year’s common reading book, will speak at Tufts on Sept. 21.

This summer, due to the book’s themes of interfaith cooperation and philosophical diversity, the University Chaplaincy has worked alongside the Common Reading Committee to conduct programming, help with the common reading essay contest and hold discussions with students, faculty and staff about the book.

“[Patel] describes how experiences that impacted his life — such as his family, his faith, community and service work — helped to form who he is as a person and what he cares about deeply,” University Chaplain Reverend Greg McGonigle told the Daily in an email. “What he eventually chooses as his life’s work is the much-needed effort to bring understand-

ing, peace and cooperation among people of various religions and cultures.”

According to University President Anthony Monaco, first-years were also invited to participate in a common reading essay contest and photo contest and were encouraged to share their related personal stories and experiences in efforts to boost learning and promote open discussions about religious and philosophical beliefs. According to Doane, students can submit photos of themselves reading the book on social media with the hashtag #TuftsCommonRead for the photo contest.

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A year in review: Tufts re-establishes focus on Title IX

by Arin Kerstein
News Editor

Spring 2014: After the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) announced that Tufts was deemed non-compliant with Title IX – a piece of federal legislation intended to address gender discrimination in schools – the university finally agreed to revisit its sexual assault policy and rectify areas where it violated federal regulations. University President Anthony Monaco announced he would be chairing a Sexual Misconduct Prevention Task Force comprised of students, faculty and staff from across all the Tufts campuses to focus on steering Tufts in the right direction.

July 2014: Alexandra Donovan was hired as the sexual misconduct prevention specialist after Tufts administrators agreed to include such a position among their staff

following student protests in May.

Aug. 2014: The Class of 2018 attended "Speak About It" during Orientation Week to learn about consent, boundaries and healthy relationships. The Class of 2018 was also the first class required to complete online training on bystander intervention and to attend the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) training sessions during the fall semester.

Fall 2014: Donovan started Social Tufts Data (Tufts STD) as a forum for discussion about topics related to sexual culture and misconduct. The program is mostly run through its Facebook page, now called "Tufts Social & Sex Health."

Sept. 2014: Response and Resource Coordinator Nandi Bynoe (LA '09) was hired and slated to take on her new position in October. Bynoe serves as a resource for students to further understand their options in

the wake of sexual misconduct.

Oct. 1, 2014: A federal regulation went into effect that requires universities to provide consent and bystander training throughout the duration of students' education. Haven, the university's chosen online training tool, has been made available for all undergraduate students, as well as for professional and graduate students.

Oct. 29, 2014: Multiple Tufts students participated in the national "Carry That Weight" Day of Action, inspired by carrying mattresses with them around campus to represent the constant overbearing weight of sexual assault.

Nov. 4, 2014: Dean of Student Affairs Mary Pat McMahan led approximately 30 of her faculty members in sexual misconduct prevention training.

April 13, 2015: The OEO sent out the Tufts Attitudes About Sexual Conduct Survey

(TASCS) to the entire student body via email in order to gather student perspectives on sexual misconduct and assault on campus.

April 22, 2015: University President Anthony Monaco wrote a letter to the Tufts community identifying the progress completed by the working groups of the Task Force throughout the school year. Among other comments, he outlined the successes in collaborating with Greek institutions, developing a Survivors' Guide to provide information about resources available to survivors and revising of the overall Sexual Misconduct Policy.

Summer 2015: The Office of Institutional Research and Evaluation was set to analyze the TASCS results on behalf of the Task Force. The Task Force hopes to use this information to gain insight into how the university can more effectively support the student body.

Common Reading book fosters dialogue on interfaith cooperation

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The Class of 2019 had positive things to say about "Acts of Faith," citing it as a useful tool for students just beginning their college years.

"When I had learned that the common reading book was going to focus on personal and religious themes I got really nervous because I usually avoid those discussions, but I thought it was really well written, and I connected with it almost immediately," incoming first-year Jason Theal told the Daily in an email.

Another incoming first-year, Catherine

Perloff, thought the book was a great introduction to being more conscious and aware of interfaith differences in the college environment.

"Patel's description of his college experience, especially the prevalence of identity politics, was a helpful guide to the college environment," Perloff told the Daily in an email. "However, I do not think it was an introduction to all facets of student life that could be of concern to students (sexual assault, academics, extra-curriculars, alcohol, etc.), but I don't think one book possibly could cover all these issues."

Thomas Coons, an incoming first-

year, thinks that the shared experience of reading "Acts of Faith" will be valuable to the Class of 2019 throughout their four years on the Hill.

"I think that there is a lot that our generation can do to make faith less of a problem and more of a solution to peace on a global scale," Coons said. "Moreover, the group of people that we have at Tufts is without a doubt one of the best places to start, so I'm very excited to see how the next four years progress with this book being our first true Tufts experience."

The author of "Acts of Faith," Eboo Patel, will be visiting Tufts campus on Sept. 21.

According to McGonigle, there will be a lunchtime workshop at the Interfaith Center for students and an afternoon workshop for faculty and staff. The workshops will be followed by a keynote lecture on interfaith leadership at 7:30 p.m. in Cohen Auditorium.

"We hope that the program will introduce concepts of religious and philosophical diversity and pluralism, encourage exploration of how religious diversity intersects with other forms of diversity and inspire the campus community to deepen in religious literacy and develop the skills of doing interfaith work," McGonigle said.

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Summer music releases show innovation, evolution

by **Ascher Kulich**
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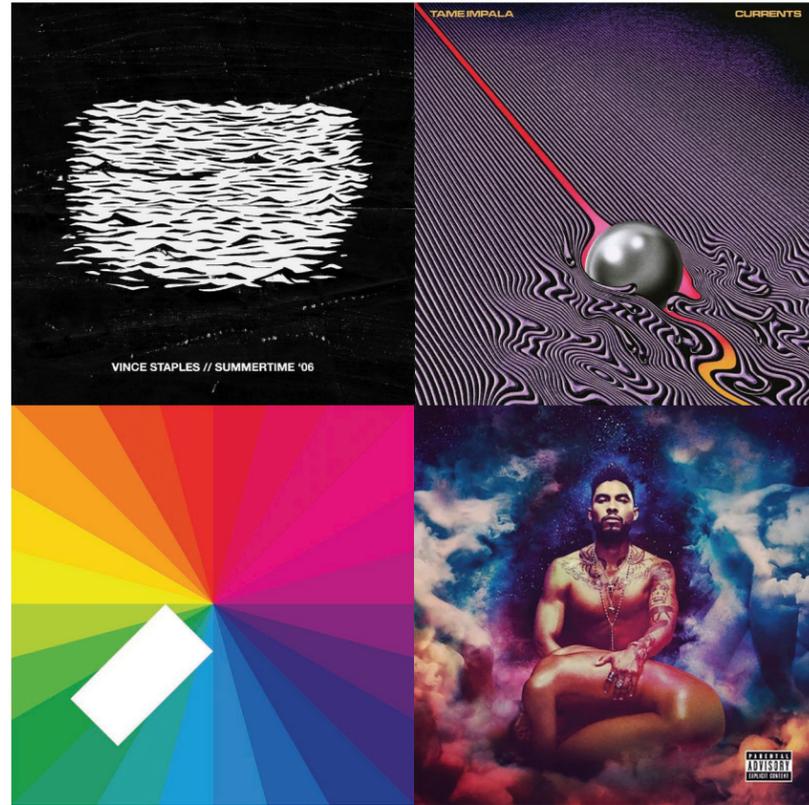
The summer of 2015 will be remembered as an entertaining one for music. Singles such as OMI's "Cheerleader," "Can't Feel My Face" by the Weeknd and Taylor Swift's "Bad Blood" dominated radio charts, while "charged up" rap beefs energized Twitter feeds. The full-length releases, though, were not lacking either. These four albums were the biggest highlights of the summer.

▶ Jamie xx — "In Colour"

The debut album of The xx member, Jamie xx, "In Colour" sees him diving into the world of UK garage music. The album is beautifully composed, and each song seems to take the listener on a journey. From the rising intensity of "Gosh" to the delicate beauty of "Sleep Sound" and "Loud Places," Smith (Jamie xx's given last name) is able to create a pleasing palette of sounds with hardly a misstep. On "Loud Places" in particular there is a perfect marriage of vocals (which feature Romy) and electronic production, forming a standout track on an album already chockfull of exceptional music. "I Know There's Gonna Be (Good Times)" combines three seemingly incongruous parts to create one of the funkier songs of the summer: Rapper Young Thug adds a level of strange and frantic energy to the song, while a sample from dance-hall artist Popcaan gives the song its trendy vocal hook, and Smith adds an unraveling layer of beats to complement the two. "In Colour" is an electronic journey, one that effectively brings its listeners to a world of color and tranquility.

▶ Miguel — "Wildheart"

"Wildheart" is R&B vocalist Miguel's first full-length release since "Kaleidoscope Dream" (2012). Thanks to Miguel's impressive vocals and his collaborations with a variety of producers, "Wildheart"



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: DEF JAM 2015, INTERSCOPE 2015, RCA / BYSTORM 2015, YOUNG TURKS 2015
Clockwise from top left: Vince Staples' "Summertime '06," Tame Impala's "Currents," Miguel's "Wildheart" and Jamie xx's "In Colour."

is one of the most innovative R&B releases since Frank Ocean's "Channel Orange" (2012). Just like "Kaleidoscope Dream" before it, there is no shortage of sexual subject matter on this newest album: in "DEAL," for example, Miguel croons about using his money to seduce women. "N.W.A.," meanwhile, has more edge than other "Wildheart" songs and is served over a short guitar riff and drum pattern. "waves" is the most jubilant song of the bunch; with lyrics like "all night, I wanna ride that wave," and "destinado a morir," it is an end-of-evening farewell after a night of partying. For Miguel, the party is continuous throughout the album, and he has reason to celebrate his latest creation. "Wildheart" brings

listeners a stripped-down, bare-essentials version of sexual R&B without any unnecessary fluff.

▶ Vince Staples — "Summertime '06"

"Summertime '06" is a two-disc, twenty-track giant of a record, in which Staples, a California native, invites the listener into the inner depths of his mind. Never a slouch behind the mic, Staples is true to form on this new release and the production of each song reaches new levels above his previous output. "Summertime '06" employs a murderer's row of producers, including Kanye West and Common collaborator No I.D., DJ Dahi, who produced for a slew of notable rappers, including for Dr. Dre on this year's

"Compton" and Clams Casino, a producer for A\$AP Rocky. All three, coupled with Staples' own introspectiveness, help send Summertime '06 down a winding path of raw, discordant and downright window-shattering hip-hop. There are energetic anthems — "Lift Me Up" and "Senorita," for example — as well as moments of solemn reflection, like "Summertime" and "Might Be Wrong." "Summertime '06" is an exemplary effort from Staples and his crew of producers. This record, filled with emotional highs and lows, is one of the best hip-hop releases of the year.

▶ Tame Impala — "Currents"

Summer of 2015 wouldn't be complete without an indie-rock release that is both uplifting and brooding. "Currents," Tame Impala's third full-length release, manages to do that remarkably well. Kevin Parker, the group's sole recording member, brings new energy on tracks like "Eventually" and "Cause I'm a Man." "Currents" is truly a technical masterpiece: the synthesizers are layered perfectly, the bass chords are the strongest and most meaningful chords of Parker's career so far and the vocals are varied and vibrant. Even though the entire album may feel slightly water-logged and heavy at times, it maintains a convincing collection of different "currents" of sound throughout its thirteen songs. "Let It Happen," the opening track, is arguably the most inventive of Tame Impala's discography. Parker's repetition of a single loop toward the end of the song creates a mesmerizing moment; listeners' attention will be drawn to this single, swirling sound. Although "Currents" is a change of pace from previous Tame Impala albums — filled with finger-snapping and clapping, this is the group's most danceable record to date — it manages to transport the listener to a timeless space, where all one can hope to do is keep from losing their sense of reality.

Orientation shows introduce incoming students to performing arts

by **Merilla Michael**
Assistant Arts Editor

Editor's note: The writer of this story is a member of the a capella group Enchanted featured in the article.

Orientation week at Tufts is a busy time for first-years as they are thrust into a schedule jam-packed with bagel brunches, orientation meetings and language placement exams. Perhaps one of the most popular events to attend during this hectic week, however, are the orientation shows (known colloquially as O-Shows) put on by various student performance groups.

One of Tufts' theater-run student groups, Pen, Paint and Pretzels (3Ps) puts on an annual O-Show. This year,

senior Kellyn Henthorn will be directing a production of "The Few," a play by Samuel D. Hunter that premiered Off Broadway in 2014. It takes place in 1999, following the story of a group of truckers in Idaho who decide to publish a newspaper. After an extended disappearance, the founder of the newspaper, Bryan, returns to his colleagues, and the group struggles to accept him back into its circle.

"I was initially drawn to 'The Few' because of the play's fascination with the written word. 'The Few' reminds its audience that words — poetry, letters, even just saying 'goodbye' — are powerful," said Henthorn.

This is Henthorn's directing debut, though she has prior experience in

lighting design, acting and playwriting. She is also the president of Bare Bodkin, Tufts' student-written theater group.

When asked about the difficulties of being a new director and preparing for the show, Henthorn said, "The toughest part is not having a regular rehearsal schedule. The O-Show is fun because we only get a week to be in a space, rehearsing and teaching; however, I only get five days of face-to-face time with actors."

In addition to 3Ps and Bare Bodkin, the Tufts student theater scene also includes Torn Ticket II, which performs musicals throughout the year, including its own O-Show (The Tufts drama department stages its own performances as well). Henthorn advises interested

first-years to get involved in these various student-run theater groups.

"Tufts has a great student theater program because there are so many opportunities for everyone," Henthorn said. "It's a really open environment, and we all really want you to be there."

First-years will also have an opportunity to become acquainted with the many a capella groups at Tufts during the Sept. 7 O-show. The style and genres these ensembles perform vary widely: from pop to Christian music, from Israeli rock to gospel.

Adam Hotaling, president of the Disney-themed co-ed a capella group Enchanted, echoed Henthorn's thoughts

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ARTS & LIVING

Students anticipate launch of Film Studies major

by John Gallagher
Assistant Arts Editor

Tufts is not traditionally thought of as a school with a strong emphasis on film, and perhaps rightly so. Until this semester, Tufts lacked a film major, only offering a minor in Film Studies that allowed students to choose between two tracks: film production and film analysis. Despite this prior dearth of academic options for students interested in film,

Tufts still enjoys a vibrant filmmaking scene, with groups like the decades-old Tufts University Television (TUTV) producing content ranging from music videos to scripted web series. Episodes of TUTV's web series "Wave Jacked" (2015) generate hundreds of views on YouTube, and a new web series, "High Spirits" (2015), is due to premiere on Sept. 7. Tufts' sketch comedy groups also produce short films — both Major Undecided and The Institute create sketches specifically for film as well as

record their live performances.

So far, the Film and Media Studies major has already generated excitement. Sophomore Ray Bernoff plans to declare a film major, having been inspired by an ExCollege film class he took during his first year at Tufts.

"I'm excited to be one of the first ever film majors at Tufts," Bernoff said via Facebook message.

Though excited, Bernoff admits the information he has received about the

major to date has been "super vague."

Despite student involvement in film both inside and outside the classroom, Bernoff was not sure that most students on campus consider film to be a high art form worthy of academic study. He hopes the new major will help change that attitude.

With the addition of a film major, the diversity of film related offerings at Tufts is only going to expand. There has never been a better time to get involved in film at Tufts.

Boston Calling to bring talented mix of artists to City Hall Plaza

by Anjali Nair
Arts Editor

Every fall, as hundreds of bright-eyed first-years bound onto Tufts' campus, the administration works hard to assure that new students will feel welcome in their new home. From the O-show to the "Jumbolicious" Carnival to Fall Gala, the beginning of the semester offers a multitude of events to kickstart the Tufts experience. However, after this initial fun overload settles down, it's inevitable that new students will want to explore all that Boston has to offer; after all, the city is only a short T ride away. Armed with a new crew of besties, first-years will venture off into the wild city streets. What sorts of adventures await?

Luckily, there's no dearth of cool events to experience year-round, and the fall in particular offers many options. One of the more recently developed traditions is Boston Calling, a dual-stage music festival that brings a whole host of classic and contemporary artists to Faneuil Hall. The three-day event, which began in 2013, is unique in that it takes place twice a year — in May and September. In the past, lineups have included The Pixies, The Replacements, Nas x The Roots, Kendrick Lamar, Lorde, St. Vincent and Tame Impala.

This fall, Boston Calling will take place Sept. 25-27 and will feature some big names in mainstream music, as well as lesser-known acts. While some fes-



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Boston Calling will attract thousands of fans to City Hall Plaza this fall.

tival-goers may have purchased their tickets just to see headlining acts like Alabama Shakes, Alt-J, The Avett Brothers and Hozier, the less popular performers make the festival an even more worthwhile excursion for new Tufts students who are looking to bond over a day of great music.

This Daily writer is partial to begin by highlighting folk singer-songwriter Father John Misty, the stage moniker of ex-Fleet Foxes member Josh Tillman. Tillman, who has toured incessantly since his first appearance in the music scene, is sure to put on an enthralling performance. Following the release of his album "I Love You, Honeybear" (2015), a shamelessly honest look at the volatility of love, Father John Misty has been making the rounds on the summer festival circuit, and his Boston Calling performance will continue his tour throughout the U.S. Fans of cynical yet intimate lyrics that both warm your heart and force you to confront yourself will love Tillman's blasé attitude and provocative insights. For a taste of his caustic wit and deceptively carefree music, check out the title track, "I Love You Honeybear," and "The Ideal Husband."

Another act to watch out for is Bully, a Nashville-based alternative rock band. Fronted by the fiery-voiced Alicia Bognanno, the band's music, like so much else today, is reminiscent of the '90s. However, the raw energy behind their songs is far from contrived. The grit behind Bognanno's voice and the bluntness of her lyrics make her a formidable frontwoman. Furthermore, her musical prowess is evident in the fact that she wrote, produced and engineered the band's latest album, "Feels Like" (2015), on her own. In mid-August, the band made its television debut on Conan, during which it put on a strong, no-gimmicks performance of "Trying," a track from its latest record. If that's any indication, the band's Boston Calling set is bound to rouse the crowd



FATHER JOHN MISTY, THE SOLO PROJECT OF FLEET FOXES DRUMMER JOSH TILLMAN, WILL PERFORM AT BOSTON CALLING IN SEPTEMBER

— not through wild stage antics and the like, but through the sheer power of their music. Standout tracks from "Feels Like" include "Reason" and "Trash."

There's no lack of talent in Boston's thriving music scene, and Boston Calling includes some of these local musicians in its lineup. This year, folk-rock band Grey Season will be one of the festival's local openers. Those who make the trip to City Hall Plaza earlier won't be disappointed by these impressive musicians, who fuse folk, rock and bluegrass into a striking sound. With hard-hitting drums, beautiful vocal close-harmonies and killer banjo and guitar solos, the band cannot be mistaken for any other. Their latest

release, "Time Will Tell You Well" (2014), is tight from start to finish, but high points include "Good Friday" and "1952 Vincent Black Lightnin'."

For new Tufts students, the festival will be an excellent introduction to music in Boston. After getting to experience the huge event in City Hall Plaza, perhaps music-loving Jumbos will also feel compelled to check out nearby venues — like The Sinclair in Cambridge or The Great Scott in Allston — where live music can be enjoyed in more intimate settings. However, there's nothing like celebrating the first month of college with Boston's biggest music festival — especially when there are so many brilliant acts on the bill.

Incoming first-years treated to bevy of on-campus performances

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on the the difficulties of preparing for the O-Show.

"The biggest challenge we faced was the separation," Hotaling, a junior, said. "Not being able to practice together means we can't work on a unified sound."

Hotaling feels that because Enchanted is a relatively new group — it formed in 2013 — it faces a set of challenges unique to young student organizations.

"During the year we have to try to get the word out to all of campus that we actually exist," he said. "For Orientation, though, everyone's kind of in the same boat. We're all doing our best to look like a great group to either join or watch

to a group of 1200 freshmen who have never heard any of us before."

Like Henthorn, Hotaling spoke to the welcoming nature of the a cappella community and encouraged first-years to audition this fall.

"I think I speak for everyone in the a cappella community when I saw we're always excited to have people try out and show us what they can do," he said.

The 3Ps O-Show performances are Sunday, Sept. 6 at 7:00pm and Monday, Sept. 7 at 4:00pm, both in Balch Arena Theater.

The A Cappella O-Show performances are on Monday, Sept. 7 at 7:00pm and 9:30pm in Distler Hall in the Granoff Music Center.



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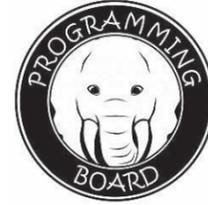
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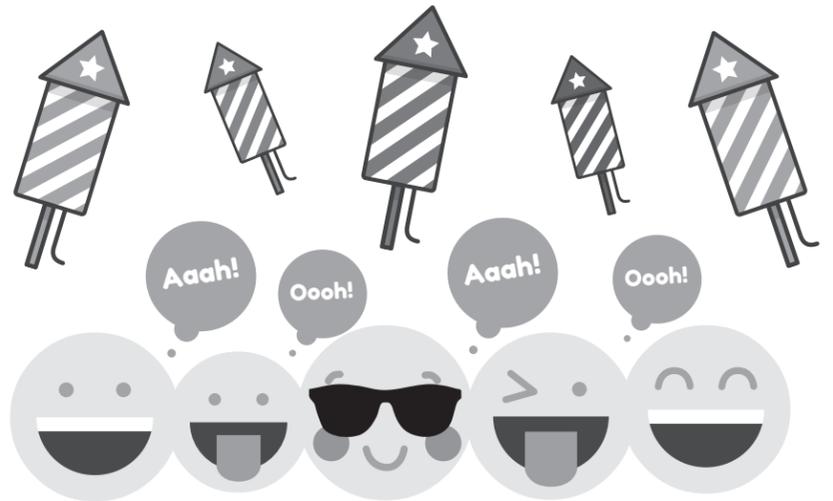
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Indulge in endless opportunity

Despite all the excitement you have for starting the next chapter of your life, as you stand today on the President's Lawn for Matriculation, listening to President Anthony Monaco's effusive welcoming speech, you might be stricken with some feelings of reservation: nervousness, because you don't have any friends yet, or stress, because you haven't decided on what classes to take, much less your major. It also doesn't help to know that your parents won't be one door knock away from assuaging any of your doubts like they have been for the last 18 years. But as you embark on your first year on the hill, try to put any hesitations you may have aside so you can indulge in the craze of your first year.

The number of opportunities that will come your way in your college years, especially this first one, may be overwhelming. Never again will you be in an environment

where your only job is to absorb the world around you alongside equally passionate peers. There's nothing stopping you from having coffee with acclaimed professors or joining a club dedicated to discussing and consuming cheese or exploring the Minuteman Commuter Bikeway (look it up!). The possibilities are endless.

But you simply won't get this full experience without leaving your comfort zone, without pushing yourself in new or challenging ways. Go to Hillel Shabbat dinner, even if you aren't Jewish. Take a stab at COMP 11, even if you don't know how to change your computer background. Tufts prides itself on the diversity in its students, courses and clubs, and there's no reason to hesitate exploring every bit of it. Who knows what hidden passions you might end up unearthing.

The best part of all this is that any mistakes or failures you experience along the

way aren't nearly as detrimental as they would be in the "real world." It is better to have too much fun at homecoming, fail to submit a paper on time and suffer the 10% deduction on your essay than it is to turn in work late at your first job out of college: Tufts is the last place where we get the luxury of this kind of safety net. So make good use of it. The important thing is that you know how you erred and learn from that mistake, so that it doesn't repeat itself in a more serious situation. Tufts provides you with the training wheels so that you can go out and explore as much as you want without fear of falling face first.

So consider going into freshman year with an open mind and hungry for adventure. You have four whole years to be exempt from the responsibilities inherent in the world outside of the college bubble, and it'd be a shame not to take advantage of that. Welcome to Tufts, Class of 2019.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Every now and again, I'll hear somebody say, "You learn something new every day!" In general, this exclamation follows the transmission of an interesting but ultimately useless kernel of information. The last time I used the expression, for example, was when I learned that snakes don't have eyelids. It's a saying that often seems to treat knowledge like a set of possessions to be accumulated and tucked away. It suggests that knowledge is matter rather than energy, and robs learning of its capacity to bend, move and erase, as much as add.

At Tufts, you will learn something new every day, but I'm not talking about cool snake facts (though you may find some of those if you hang with the right crew). Your daily "something new" won't be added to the heap of what you already know; it will push at that heap's very foundations. It might even push hard enough to shake up the whole thing. It could be in class or it could be in conversation (hopefully, some days, it'll be in a Tufts Daily article); it could be amusing or it could be uncomfortable. But it will always be consequential, and it will always, in some small way, change you. If college promises to be a transformative time in your life, it's because of the differ-

ent directions in which you're constantly pushed by everything you learn here.

Tufts is the smallest college in the country with a daily print newspaper. At the Tufts Daily, we don't hold on to that title simply because we like the way it sounds – that's what our Princeton Review #10 college newspaper ranking is for. We work to publish every day because at Tufts, daily, there is something new worth knowing. The ideas and actions of the people studying and working here are what make this place so rich every day. From op-eds that present arguments you never considered to sports recaps that change the way you watch a game, we do our best to make sure that richness reaches you in real time.

We hope you see yourself in these pages over the next four years. This could be literal: our top-notch photographers might snag a sweet action shot of you in the middle of an activity that means the world to you, and since we're always looking for new people to join our team, your name could be showing up in bylines as early as the end of this month. But it could also be implicit, as our staff captures pieces of the home you make for yourself on this campus: the events that matter to you; the Tufts you love, and the

Tufts you don't love (you will find yourself in both, every day); the conversations that you find crucial; the people you see every day and the incredible things they're doing (and maybe some of the less incredible things they're doing, but thankfully the Police Briefs remain anonymous). If everyone can find themselves in the Tufts Daily in some capacity, then they'll find everyone else there, too, and we'll all have a better understanding of the people with whom we share this hill.

I'm thrilled to be able to work on the Daily with such a talented and passionate group of people this semester, and even more thrilled by the opportunity to communicate what the members of the Tufts community – which, as of today, includes all of you! – have to offer one another and the world. In helping tell the stories of such a vibrant group of people, I'm positive that I'll really, meaningfully, learn something new every day. And I know that you will, too.

Welcome to Tufts! I can't wait to learn from you all.

Sincerely,
Joe Palandrani
Editor-in-Chief

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Welcome to Tufts, Class of 2019

by Brian Tesser

Hello, Class of 2019 and welcome to Tufts University! My name is Brian Tesser and I will be serving as your Tufts Community Union (TCU) President for the upcoming year. On behalf of the entire Tufts student body, welcome! We are so excited to have you on campus, and I, for one, cannot wait to see all that you will accomplish during your four years on the Hill. College is a time of transformation. It is a time to discover yourself, make new friends, explore possible interests and really define the path that you want to take in life. I sit here, just about to return to the Hill to greet you all, and I think about my first day at Tufts. For many of you, this may be your first time away from home. For some, you



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may feel fully prepared and others completely overwhelmed. I want to let you know that this is okay. Uncertainty is a word that so wholly encapsulates the beginning of my journey at Tufts (and that is what it truly is, a journey!). I came in completely undecided about my major, unsure of what extracurricular activities I wanted to join and not quite sure how my new friends here in college would fit into my life.

Looking back on this experience now, I envy you all, Class of 2019. As my journey at this wonderful university enters its final chapter, yours is only beginning. You have four full years to experience Tufts. You still have time to paint the cannon, spend late (seemingly endless) nights in the Tisch Library, declare (or change) your major, go to your first Tufts performance, join clubs that seem completely foreign to you and so much more. You have time to get to know the friends that will shortly become your chosen family, to discover a new passion or to study abroad! When I think about

what I would have wanted to hear as I moved into Houston Hall on my first day of college, I remember the feelings of uncertainty and possibility. To you, Class of 2019, I say, embrace these emotions. Meet a best friend, try a new food, connect with a great professor or take a class that terrifies and thrills you...do it all! I can't stress enough how quickly this time will pass.

The thing that I believe makes this school such a wonderful, vibrant place is the diversity of people that you will find here. When you meet a sophomore, junior or senior here, see if you can find out what their favorite part about Tufts is. I can assure you that the variety of answers will surprise you. Whether it is the stellar academics, the extracurricular possibilities or the friendships that last far past one's time on the Hill, this school brings out something special in its student body. The students here are thinkers, learners and activists, and students here truly learn what it means to be a Jumbo. To care deep-

ly about our community and to strive to make it the best place possible is deeply rooted in us Jumbos, and I am profoundly excited for you to become a part of this legacy. Enjoy Tufts, Class of 2019, because in no time at all, this place is going to feel like your home. When you leave here, you're not going to remember that really difficult test you took or an argument with a friend, but you will remember the nights you spent laughing with your hallmates, the breakthrough you made in that really difficult class and the first time you knew that Tufts was home. Congratulations on finally arriving at Tufts. You are about to begin four years that will shape and mold you for the rest of your life. If you see me around campus, come say hi. I would love to meet you!

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OP-ED

Accountability and Action: A Student's Primary Obligations

by David Ferrándiz

As the clock approaches 12 on May 7, I grab my worn backpack and dart out of the Campus Center, the weight of my textbooks reminding me of the sleepless nights ahead. I bolt past the President's Lawn toward Ballou Hall, Tufts University's main administrative building, to take advantage of my quick break from finals.

I hear the chants growing. "Monaco, escucha, estamos en la lucha." The rally has drawn a crowd of 100. As I join janitors and student allies, I witness other students passing. While some stop to observe or participate, most continue, ignoring our message. A thought quickly takes root: why do students have to choose between their personal values and their academic endeavors?

On March 10, the rumor had become reality: the administration slated 35 people, 17 percent of the 207-person custodial workforce, for layoffs at the end of May. Janitors were rallying during their lunch break every day in opposition to these cuts, which were the first in a series of layoffs planned for the next five years. As actions intensified toward the end of the semester, more and more students, faculty and community members from the Greater Boston area joined to support the janitors.

These recent protests were not the beginning of custodial mobilization at Tufts; they were a continuation of organized janitorial retaliation against more than two decades of administrative abuses. In the 1990s, janitors were outsourced to an ever-changing alphabet soup of contractors, stripped of their benefits, forced to take 25 to 30 percent pay cuts, burdened with increased workloads due to downsizing and arrested for trespassing as they peacefully passed out leaflets. Invigorated by the national Justice for Janitors movement, a coalition was formed that resisted through daily picketing, a food drive, fundraising, legal action, letters and petitions, open forums and a graduation protest.

Twenty-one years later, the scene remains unchanged. Facing a new wave of cuts, janitors, their union 32BJ SEIU, students, parents, faculty, alumni, community organizations and city and state officials resisted

similarly. They hosted teach-ins and a public forum, conducted a 33-hour sit-in of Ballou, met with administrators, organized rallies, held phone and email banks, passed city council resolutions and held a civil disobedience demonstration in which students and the president of 32BJ SEIU were arrested. However, due to the administration's obstinate refusal to listen, coalition members staged a hunger strike, occupied space and demonstrated at the Commencement ceremony as a final attempt to prevent the implementation of disastrous cuts before students left for the summer.

The chants quiet down as Paula Castillo, a Tufts janitor of 18 years, passes the microphone to Orlando, her coworker and compañero. Normally quiet and removed, he grasps the microphone firmly, moves toward the crowd and speaks.

I listen to the longing in Orlando's voice as he asks to be treated with respect, his short pauses serving to gather the strength to convey a story he knows all too well; one of his two children here, and his familia in the Dominican Republic, all depending on him and the small salary he earns with his blood, sweat and tears.

Listening to him speak, it becomes undeniable that the decision to cut janitors has profoundly detrimental human consequences. Without any assurance of long-term job continuation elsewhere, the families' strength will be tested and waned. Immigrant communities will remain trapped in the cycle of poverty, systematically stripped of any chance to advance.

I then think of this "community" that the administration flaunts and celebrates. Community is not limited to students, but includes all of the individuals that share our space: students, workers, professors, administrators and residents of Somerville and Medford. The janitors are part of our community. They make Tufts livable. Habitable. A niche conducive to personal, academic and social growth.

The administration's treatment of Tufts janitors is unacceptable. Tufts has an obligation to protect all of its community members — to be accountable not only to students,

but also to the workers whose tireless labor contributes to the university's growing prestige. So when Tufts cuts 17 percent of its custodial workforce, while administrators make over 15 times janitors' \$30,000 salaries, whose interests are they serving?

Two weeks ago, most of you were wrapping up summer jobs and sleeping in ridiculously late, making the most of the fleeting moments of summer.

And yet, just two weeks ago, four janitors received layoff notices, despite persistent and creative efforts, including voluntary summer transfers to delay implementation of cuts.

After professors had met unsatisfactorily with President Monaco over the summer, they turned toward direct action to preserve livelihoods. On June 17, professors, students, janitors and others disrupted Monaco's annual summer picnic designed to celebrate "community". When Paula waited patiently beside Monaco to present a letter, he explicitly refused her, turned his back and left. His blatant show of disrespect clearly conveys the administration's heartless, profit-driven agenda: exploit and marginalize janitors, while expecting them to continue slaving for its financial benefit.

Tufts continued to lay off janitors before students arrive back on campus, with potentially five more cuts before the fall semester begins. Cuts continue amidst official news that the university is in the process of expanding 275,000 square feet. No new janitors, including those slated for layoffs, will be hired to compensate for this new cleaning space.

These developments further reinforce Tufts' damaging prioritization of profit over people. Tufts masks its corporatization of higher learning under the veil of financial security, arguing that the reported \$900,000 of savings as a result of custodial reorganization will benefit students and academic endeavors. However, these cuts come amidst a period of financial prosperity in which Tufts enjoys a growing endowment (currently \$1.6 billion) due to tuition hikes and increasingly successful fundraising campaigns. Tufts betrays its statement on "citizenship" of "[striving] to be a model for society at large... [fostering] an attitude of 'giving back'... and

[desiring] to make the world a better place" by prioritizing cost-saving plans over the livelihoods of its workers. If administrators truly valued their livelihoods, they would actively explore alternate routes of cost-reduction, including their respective \$500,000+ salaries. Instead, they shift the blame of reorganization onto a third party (DTZ) despite maintaining total authority. Tufts' blatant hypocrisy and fully-entrenched corporate model is undeniable; administrators mask hegemony with active citizenship and robbery with giving. Tufts must be held accountable to its vision statement, claim responsibility for its harmful actions and listen.

The crowd nods silently in affirmation, validating Orlando's strength, determination and hope. As I realize the time, I wonder: why must I choose between my personal values and academic endeavors? Why must I prioritize what should be compatible? My shoulders ache under the weight of my bag and under the hypocrisy of not being the active citizen Tufts challenges me to be. Looking at the tired but resistant faces of those around me, I remove my backpack and turn to the janitors. I let out a soft smile of enduring appreciation before reaching for the microphone to speak.

"Anthony Monaco, Linda Snyder, Patricia Campbell and the administration must be held accountable for their obligation to this community. They must make just decisions, be responsible, and most importantly, be response-able; they must listen to community members who voice concern and answer promptly. When administrators not only fail to listen, but work obstinately in opposition, it becomes a moral obligation of every student, every worker, every community member to state, 'Enough is enough. Not in my name'. As students, we must be held accountable to the same community. We must realize our own tremendous capacity to strike fear in the administration and influence change. We must act."

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MEN'S SOCCER

Men's soccer set to begin title defense

by Steven Hefter
Sports Editor

The men's soccer team will begin its 2015 campaign in the same position that it ended last season: on top.

After winning Tufts' first national championship of the 2014-15 academic year last fall with a run in the NCAA tournament that culminated in a 4-2 victory against Wheaton College (Ill.), the Jumbos enter the season ranked No. 1 in the National Soccer Coaches Association (NSCAA) national preseason rankings. Number one or not, the team has been itching to get back on the field to defend its title and to continue the winning culture.

"The squad is definitely eager to get out there and play," senior and returning All-Conference midfielder Jason Kayne said. "We want to go out there and prove that our run in the NCAAs was not just a one time thing. Everyone is working hard to cement Tufts as a Div. III powerhouse when it comes to soccer."

Among those most excited to return to soccer is coach Josh Shapiro, who was selected as the National Coach of the Year by the NSCAA and D3soccer.com in his fifth year at the helm of Tufts soccer, the most successful season in Jumbo history.

"At the NESCAC schools, we don't get a lot of time with our guys in the offseason, and you just can't wait to get back around them," Shapiro said. "It's why you coach, it's why you're in the profession."

Although honored by the preseason ranking, the Jumbos know that they must remain humble and focused in order to



The Tufts men's soccer team poses with the National Championship trophy after defeating Wheaton (Ill.) 4-2 on Dec. 6, 2014. The Jumbos look to defend their title this upcoming season.

keep up where they left off last December, according to Shapiro.

"It's exciting to get the recognition, but it really doesn't mean anything," he said. "We need to go out and prepare and train and push each other and be great teammates for each other every single day."

If last season's experience taught the team any lessons, it is that records and seeds do not matter much once the opening whistle is blown. The Jumbos entered the NESCAC tournament as the

top seed after an undefeated 7-0-3 conference record but lost in the first round to eighth-seeded Conn. College. The loss lowered their seed for the NCAA tournament, but the Jumbos responded by becoming the first team ever to win six straight games on the road en route to the title and an overall 16-2-4 record.

"Any team can walk onto the field and beat us, which we saw last year in the NESCAC tournament," Kayne said. "We learned this as the underdogs going into

the NCAA tournament."

Tufts must move on after graduating a strong senior class whose hard work helped build the culture of the program. Seven graduates left the team, including leading goal scorer and All-Conference forward Gus Santos, first team All-American defender Sam Williams, All-Conference forward-turned-Swiss professional Maxime Hoppenot, starting

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SOFTBALL

Tufts becomes first Div. III softball team to three-peat at NCAAs

by Alison Kuah
Executive Sports Editor

The Tufts softball team became the first Div. III team to three-peat at the NCAAs after posting a 51-0 record during their 2015 season.

Tufts finished their first-ever undefeated regular season with a double-header victory on April 26 against Wheaton (Mass.). The team not only surpassed their previous 35-game win streak (reached in 2009) but also bested the regular season records of their past two national title-winning seasons (in 2014 and 2013), in which the Jumbos dropped three of their regular season games.

The Jumbos closed off their regular season with 11 games in six straight days — a challenging time that ended up giving the team more confidence for the postseason.

"One of my favorite moments was our win in the last game of the regular season against Wheaton," senior shortstop Christina Raso said to the Daily in an email. "They were probably the toughest competition we had faced up to that point, and it was the last of eleven games we had played in six days. The game was intense and very back and forth, but it was so much fun. The win gave us a lot of confidence heading into the postseason."

The Jumbos received a new home field this season with a newly renovated Spicer Field, but the heavy snow conditions prevented the team from practicing on the

field and forced them to reschedule several games at the beginning of the season.

"The amount of snow we got this winter created a big obstacle for us," Raso said. "By the time our field was playable, we had a lot of games to squeeze in before the playoffs, which also left us with little time for practice. To overcome this, we would also take extra swings and ground balls before or after games if we needed them. We really had to focus on how we were going to improve from one day to the next, so we would choose something specific to work on as a team each game."

"Our greatest strength was everyone's ability and willingness to adapt and make the best of a given situation," junior outfielder Carrie Copacino said. "We had a lot of set backs with sickness and travel issues but everyone stayed optimistic and still put their best attitude and effort forward."

In the opening game of the 2015 NESCAC Softball Championship at Spicer Field, Raso went three for three with a home run and two runs scored as Tufts won with a 2-0 victory over Middlebury College on May 1. After coasting past Williams the next day with a 5-0 victory, Tufts played the 30-7 Williams again on May 3 for the NESCAC title. Junior designated pitcher Shelby Lipson delivered the eventual game-winning RBI in the bottom of the sixth as the Jumbos defeated the Ephs 1-0 to win their fourth straight

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MEN'S TENNIS

Led by Gregor, Jumbos hope to build on 2014-15 campaign

by Alex Schroeder
Sports Editor

Last year, the men's tennis team finished the spring season with some of its more promising results in recent history. The Jumbos earned their highest seed ever in the NESCAC tournament — No. 4 — and they were right on the edge of earning an at-large bid for the NCAA Div. III tournament. This progress came on the heels of an end-of-the-season streak that featured NESCAC wins over Williams, Colby, Conn. College and Bates. Perhaps the most promising news of the offseason for the Jumbos, however, was the naming of Karl Gregor as the head coach of the men's tennis team.

Gregor, who has been with the team since 2011 as an assistant coach, served as the interim head coach last year after former head coach Jaime Kenney left the program. After the improvements it saw in 2014-15, ending the season with a No. 20 ranking from the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA), Tufts is hoping that the 2015-16 campaign will bring even more success.

"Even though this upcoming season will be coach Gregor's first as our official head coach, he's been an important influence on the team for the last five years, as both assistant coach and interim head coach," senior captain Rob Jacobson told the Daily in an email. "It's no secret that we had our best season in

recent memory last Spring, and Coach Gregor's ascending to the head coach [position] played a major role in our success."

Gregor, who was named the ITA Northeast Assistant Coach of the Year in 2013, was not officially announced as the permanent head coach of the Jumbos until early August. This meant that neither returning players nor incoming first-year students, who had already committed to attend and play at Tufts, knew who their coach would be.

"I didn't even know he was going to be the coach until late July, so it was still kind of up in the air," first-year Ross Kamin said. "But I'm definitely glad that he's the coach. I think he can definitely take the team to the best they've ever been."

As both Jacobson and Kamin indicate, Gregor has the confidence of all his players, young and old, for the upcoming season. Gregor has coached all returning players since they've been at Tufts, and he has gotten to see two of the three incoming first-years play on multiple occasions. The transition, therefore, should be minimal.

"I think it's been good, like being close [by], so I can meet up with him a lot and kind of develop a relationship before I get [to Tufts]," Kamin said. "And he's been able to see me play a couple of

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The NESCAC Map

The New England Small College Athletic Conference, or NESCAC for short, was founded in 1971 and is home to eleven prestigious liberal arts colleges. In the 2014-2015 season, NESCAC teams took home eight NCAA Championships; Trinity won men's squash and men's ice hockey, Williams took home women's tennis and women's golf titles, Bates celebrated a win for women's rowing and Tufts won the men's soccer, men's lacrosse and softball championships. The NESCAC also occupies four out of the top 10 spots of the Director's Cup standings. The Daily hopes you are as excited as we are for another year of competition, and what better way to kick off the year than to introduce you to the NESCAC?

Middlebury Panthers

Location:

Middlebury, Vermont

On the Field: Middlebury teams have won 33 national championships since 1993, 21 of which are in hockey and lacrosse. The women's lacrosse team reached the Final Four of the NCAA Division III tournament last season, but was not able to become Middlebury's first national champions since 2010. Although it has been five years since a Panthers team has taken home the hardware, the school recently opened a new 110,000-square-foot building – Virtue Field House – that will host not just varsity, but club, intramural and recreational sports.

Mascot Madness: The panther is a fitting mascot for Middlebury, considering Middlebury has won almost half of their national championships since 1993 in hockey. There have been almost as many panther sightings in Vermont in the past five years as there have been national champions.



Bowdoin Polar Bears

Location:

Brunswick, Maine

On the Field:

Bowdoin's field hockey teams are four-time NCAA National Champions; winning the title in 2007, 2008 (defeating Tufts), 2010 and 2013. In 2014, Bowdoin's Coby Horowitz won the NCAA individual men's 1-mile run.

Mascot Madness: A possible reason the fastest male mile-runner in Div. III is from Bowdoin is because it is so cold during the winter in Maine, students need to hurry up to get from building to building. Maybe a fur coat made from polar bears would help. We know this isn't all that snarky, but honestly a polar bear is a pretty cool mascot.



Colby Mules

Location:

Waterville, Maine

On the Field:

The last NESCAC Championship for Colby (aka That Other NESCAC school from Maine) came in 2009, courtesy of its women's lacrosse team. The men's cross country team emerged runners-up in the NESCAC last season. Even though the Mules might not have had much success athletically, its football captain in 1992, Eric DeCosta, is now the Assistant General Manager for the 2013 Super Bowl Champion Baltimore Ravens.

Mascot Madness: The mule is a cross between a horse and a donkey, the infertile offspring of two species that are not meant to breed. Colby adopted the White Mule as a mascot after an editor for the school's newspaper suggested that the football team's success made its "dark horse" label obsolete. So of course Colby went and adopted the antithesis of that – the White Mule – as a mascot.



Hamilton Continentals

Location:

Clinton, New York

On the Field: Hamilton has not achieved much success on the playing fields, posting only one NESCAC top-two finish in any sport since its men's golf team was named the runner-up in 2008. The Continentals, however, only fully joined the conference in 2011. They had four All-Americans last year, which is the type of fact the Daily mentions when a school has no notable teams to discuss.

Mascot Madness: Hamilton's mascot is the Continental, which is a reference to Alexander Hamilton, who was George Washington's Chief of Staff in the Continental Army. At many sporting events, instead of having a student dress up in a continental soldier's uniform, Hamilton is represented by a pig named Al-Ham dressed in the school's athletic gear. Al-Ham was introduced in the early 2000's in an attempt to increase school spirit and make the student body forget that despite being in the New England Small College Athletic Conference, the school is not actually in New England.



Williams Ephs

Location:

Williamstown, Massachusetts

On the Field: Williams finished the year in the number one spot in the Director's Cup standings, and with good reason. The Ephs won six NESCAC Championships and finished second in another 11 sports this past year. The Ephs went on to win the national championships in women's golf and women's tennis.

Mascot Madness: The nickname "Eph" is a shortened form of the name of the college's founder, Ephraim Williams. The Ephs' mascot is a purple cow. Yes, you read that right. A purple cow. Though, it is not the same one your familiar with from Seth Godin's 2003 book, "Purple Cow: Transform Your Business by Being Remarkable."



Trinity Bantams

Location:

Hartford, Connecticut

On the Field: Trinity's women carry most of the NESCAC Championship weight with three of their four titles coming from women's teams — women's lacrosse, women's ice hockey and women's squash — and men's squash rounding off the title count. The Bantams supreme reign on the squash courts is legendary. The men did not lose a match from 1998 to 2012, winning 252 consecutive matches and making it the longest winning streak of any sport in the history of intercollegiate athletics. In their 19th consecutive national squash final, the Bantams came away with the national championship once again.

Mascot Madness: A bantam is a particularly small breed of chicken, named after an Indonesian city to which it is native. With all of the choices of respectable bird mascots, such as eagles, falcons and ravens, Trinity chose the bantam. Allegedly, an alumnus described Trinity in a speech as a proud rooster, compared to the big shots of the "collegiate barnyard."



Wesleyan Cardinals

Location:

Middletown, Connecticut

On the Field: Wesleyan won two NESCAC Championships last season, beating out Amherst both times in the baseball and basketball championship games, but losing to the Lord Jeffs in football. Wesleyan's most important victory, however, is its number of notable sports alumni. Patriots head coach Bill Belichick, former Jets and Browns head coach Eric Mangini and executive vice president and general manager of the Chicago Cubs Jed Hoyer are all Cardinals.

Mascot Madness: The Cardinals have the oldest continuously used football field in the country. It is a temporary field since its student body finds athletics to be bourgeois. There is nothing odd about a cardinal, so making fun of the student body was the best we could do.



Bates Bobcats

Location:

Lewiston, Maine

On the Field:

Bates won both the men's and women's rowing NESCAC Championships this year, a back-to-back win for the women's team. The championship title, coupled with a second place finish for the women's swimming and diving team, made this season the most successful thus far for Bates athletics.

Mascot Madness: The bobcat is a respectable animal to have as a mascot, but is often overshadowed by other mascots in the league, namely polar bears, camels and purple cows. That all might change this upcoming year though, with the rowing teams ensuring that the bobcat is no longer overlooked. Or not. Probably not.



Amherst Lord Jeffs

Location:

Amherst, Massachusetts

On the Field: Amherst is home to the oldest college athletics program in the country, dating back to 1860. The Lord Jeffs struggled in the NESCAC Championship finals this year, coming away with just two NESCAC titles (although making the finals for eight) — a considerable drop from the five NESCAC titles the program finished with in the 2013-2014 season.

Mascot Madness: Amherst's mascot is the school's benefactor, Lord Jeffrey Amherst. This nickname has come under fire for those familiar with Lord Jeff's lesser-known legacy — where he approved of a 1763 plan to give blankets infected with smallpox to Native Americans.



Connecticut College Camels

Location:

New London, Connecticut

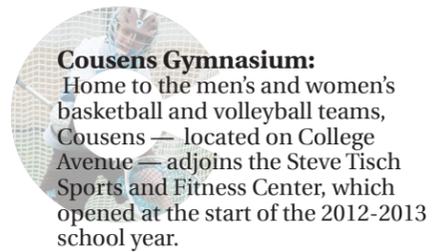
On the Field: The Connecticut College women's soccer team finished first place in the NESCAC — a ground-breaking feat for a school that has not boasted a NESCAC Championship team in the 21st century. Conn. College was the only team other than Hamilton not to win a NESCAC Championship in the 2005-2006 season and is the only school in the conference without a football team.

Mascot Madness: On the college's 99th birthday in 2010, Conn. College introduced a new and improved (?) camel mascot. Search "Introducing the New Camel" on YouTube. You'll like what you see. We guarantee it.



The ABCs of Tufts Sports

Itching to get out on the field and show your school spirit for the brown and blue? *The Daily* provides you with a comprehensive guide to Tufts sports, past and present.



Cousens Gymnasium: Home to the men's and women's basketball and volleyball teams, Cousens — located on College Avenue — adjoins the Steve Tisch Sports and Fitness Center, which opened at the start of the 2012-2013 school year.



Directors' Cup: This national trophy is awarded to the Div. III athletic program with the greatest aggregate success across all sports. In 2014-2015, Tufts ranked ninth among more than 400 schools, with NESCAC-rival Williams finishing first.



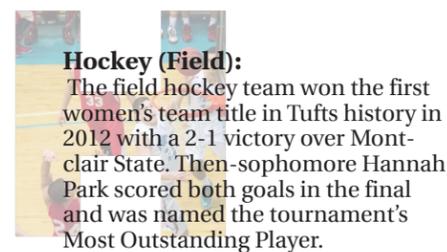
Ashes: In 1885, circus showman P.T. Barnum donated \$50,000 and the stuffed hide of Jumbo after the famed elephant was killed by a train in Ontario, Canada. The animal hide was destroyed in a fire in 1975, but some of the ashes are housed in a peanut butter jar in the athletic department.



Branwen Smith-King: As the current Assistant Athletics Director and the former long-serving head coach of the Tufts women's cross country and track and field teams, Smith-King served as a national team manager for Bermuda in the 1996 Olympics. At Tufts, she has coached 13 National Champions and more than 50 All-Americans.



Gehling, William "Bill": The former director of athletics stepped down this past summer after a 45-year long career with Tufts athletics. Gehling played a pivotal role as a women's soccer coach before taking over as athletic director in 1999. During his tenure, Tufts won 14 individual and team national championships between 2010 and 2015.



Hockey (Field): The field hockey team won the first women's team title in Tufts history in 2012 with a 2-1 victory over Montclair State. Then-sophomore Hannah Park scored both goals in the final and was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player.



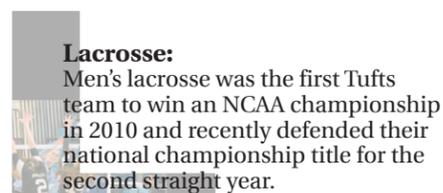
Ellis Oval: The school's oldest athletic facility, Ellis was named after Fred "Fish" Ellis (LA '29), a four-sport athlete for the Jumbos. The complex houses the Tufts football team, which plays home games on Zimman Field, as well as outdoor track and field meets.



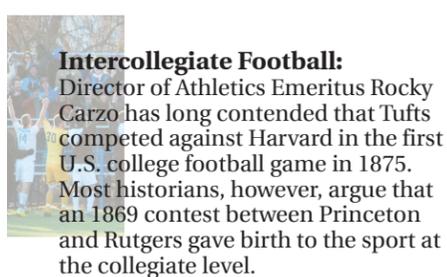
Fan the Fire: This project, which began as a senior capstone project by former varsity student-athlete Melissa Burke (LA '11) and fellow communications and media studies minor Amanda Roberts (LA '11), is designed to fuel the university's and surrounding community's enthusiasm for student athletes while at the same time supporting great causes — from Relay for Life to Engineers Without Borders to cancer research.



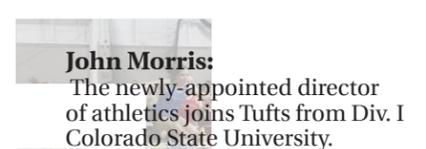
Kraft Family: Best known for owning the NFL team the New England Patriots, this family's name is all over Tufts athletics — from the soccer field to the atrium in the Steve Tisch Sports and Fitness Center — as a result of their support of the university.



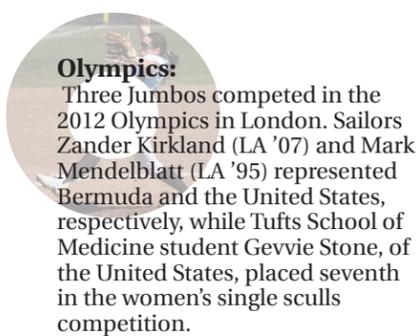
Lacrosse: Men's lacrosse was the first Tufts team to win an NCAA championship in 2010 and recently defended their national championship title for the second straight year.



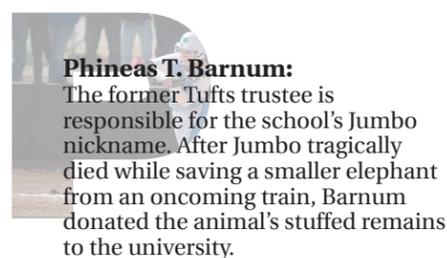
Intercollegiate Football: Director of Athletics Emeritus Rocky Carzo has long contended that Tufts competed against Harvard in the first U.S. college football game in 1875. Most historians, however, argue that an 1869 contest between Princeton and Rutgers gave birth to the sport at the collegiate level.



John Morris: The newly-appointed director of athletics joins Tufts from Div. I Colorado State University.



Olympics: Three Jumbos competed in the 2012 Olympics in London. Sailors Zander Kirkland (LA '07) and Mark Mendelblatt (LA '95) represented Bermuda and the United States, respectively, while Tufts School of Medicine student Gevvie Stone, of the United States, placed seventh in the women's single sculls competition.



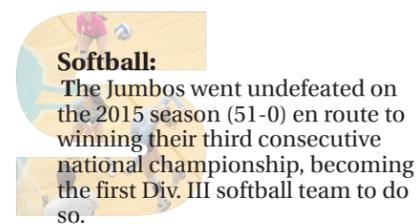
Phineas T. Barnum: The former Tufts trustee is responsible for the school's Jumbo nickname. After Jumbo tragically died while saving a smaller elephant from an oncoming train, Barnum donated the animal's stuffed remains to the university.



Maxime Hoppenot: The co-captain of the 2014 Tufts men's soccer team, which won the NCAA Championship last fall, signed a contract to play professionally in Switzerland with FC Stade Lausanne Ouchy.



NESCAC: The New England Small College Athletic Association is home to the Lord Jeffs, Camels, Ephs and most importantly the Jumbos, among others, making it one of the top athletic (and academic) conferences in Div. III sports.



Softball: The Jumbos went undefeated on the 2015 season (51-0) en route to winning their third consecutive national championship, becoming the first Div. III softball team to do so.



The Basketball Tournament: This nationwide five-on-five competition is an open, single-elimination, winner-take-all tournament (for a \$1 million prize) that is the brainchild of Tufts alum Jon Mugar (LA '98). TBT was an overwhelming success in its opening 2014 season, and doubled in size and scale this past year after signing a television deal with ESPN.



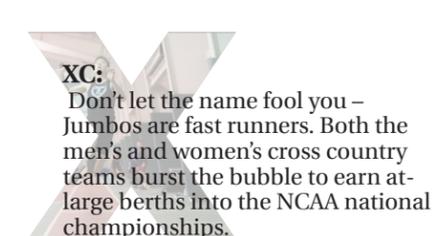
Quinsigamond: The lake is home to many of the men's and women's crew teams' regattas. Each year it hosts the New England Rowing Championships.



Richardson, Bill: Before he was the governor of New Mexico and one-time presidential hopeful, Richardson was a hard-throwing right-hander for the Tufts baseball team from 1968-1970.



Winter Skiing: Tufts hits the slopes with a co-ed Alpine ski racing team that competes in the U.S. College Ski Association Thompson division in the Eastern Region. During the cold winter months, Jumbo skiers practice two times per week on local hills such as Pat's Peak, then go on to compete in 12 races on nearby mountains in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.



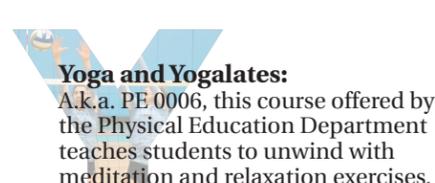
XC: Don't let the name fool you — Jumbos are fast runners. Both the men's and women's cross country teams burst the bubble to earn at-large berths into the NCAA national championships.



Ultimate Frisbee: This ultra-competitive club sport has a men's and a women's team, both of which perform at the highest level.



Volleyball: The women's team earned the No. 1 seed in the conference (and the right to host the NESCAC championships) with a 12-game winning streak midway through the regular season. Despite losing a nail-biting 3-2 final to Williams, the Jumbos earned an at-large berth into the NCAA's where the team advanced to the second round.



Yoga and Yogalates: A.k.a. PE 0006, this course offered by the Physical Education Department teaches students to unwind with meditation and relaxation exercises.



Zimman Field: Tufts' football field, named after Harold O. Zimman in 1987. Zimman, a member of the Class of 1938, played offensive line for the Jumbos and later served on the board of directors of the United States Olympic Committee. Editor's Note: This article contains information adapted from a similar feature in an Aug. 27, 2014 issue.

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Jumbos' pitching, offense key to victories in postseason

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NESCAC championship and 10th overall.

Tufts, already favorites for the national title, began their third championship quest by sailing through the opening rounds of the NCAAs, with the closest contest being a 3-2 come from behind win against MIT in the NCAA Regional Final on May 10. In a game that went the distance, the Jumbos emerged victorious in the ninth inning off a grounder by sophomore catcher Raven Fournier that allowed Lipson to score the game-winning run.

Tufts continued their strong showing until the final game of the season — the National Championship game against the 50-7 University of Texas at Tyler — where they captured their third national title in a dramatic fashion. With Tufts' pitching less dominant than usual, the pressure fell on the team's offense to carry the team to victory, after having scored just nine runs in the previous four games at the NCAA Finals. The Jumbos found themselves in a 2-0 hole with just six outs left in the game but rose to the challenge by scoring six runs in the sixth inning and another in the seventh to win 7-4 against the Patriots to cap off their perfect 51-0 season.

Pitcher, Jumbos tri-captain and three-time All-American Allyson Fournier (E '15) finished 35-0 with a 0.20 ERA, striking out more than 14 batters per game and allowing fewer than two hits per game on the season. Fournier won NESCAC Pitcher of the Year for the fourth straight year, winning NESCAC Pitcher of the Week five of eight times this season.

On April 1 against non-conference

opponent Babson, Fournier recorded her 1000th career strikeout, making her just the 17th player in NCAA history and the fifth player from New England to record such a feat. To cap off her storied career as a student-athlete at Tufts, Fournier won the Honda Award for Div. III Athlete of the Year for the second time this summer — the highest honor for a Div. III athlete.

"I think pitching was our greatest strength this season," Raso said. "We did not give up many runs this year and a huge part of that was due to the hard work and dedication of our pitchers."

With Fournier's graduation, the bulk of the pitching load will fall on senior Erica County — who pitched 104 of the 328 innings this past season, recording 56 Ks in 20 games with a 1.68 ERA — a player who already has the ability to inspire her teammates with her efforts from the mound.

"One of the most memorable moments of the season was our second game against Wheaton in the regular season, and it was a really hard-fought game," junior Cassie Rusczyk said in the Daily in an email. "Erica County was pitching, and after the last out I remember hugging her on the mound because she worked so hard that game for every single out. The rest of the team modeled after Erica that game and worked so hard. I was so proud of every single person on the team that day."

In the Championship game, the Jumbos offense, lead by Raso and Rusczyk, came into the spotlight.

"Our hitting has always been a strength of ours, and it continued to be a strength throughout this season as well," Raso said.

Raso recorded three home runs and 57



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Senior Christina Raso's strong offense paved the way for the Jumbos' national title defense.

hits of the season, behind Rusczyk's 66 hits and tri-captain Michelle Coopriders (LA '15) 68.

"I think I played a large role this year as an offensive leader, [and] I believed I was expected to come up with the big hits and drive in runs," Rusczyk said. "I think my role shifted [this season] because my own mentality switched. I stopped thinking about coming up with the big hits and started thinking more about how I could be a supportive teammate when and where people needed me."

For their fans, the Jumbos' successful season will be remembered as threefold: it was the year they cinched the national title for the third time, the year they won

their 10th NESCAC Championship and the year they went undefeated.

But to Rusczyk, this season will be remembered as the season when the team surpassed their biggest obstacle yet: their own reputation.

"I've thought a lot about this season, and I've come to the conclusion that our biggest obstacle was our reputation," Rusczyk said. "We were looked at as a very powerful team, so every single team out there wanted to be the team to beat us and break the streak. However, as a team we barely brought up the streak, so we stayed focus on the task at hand, which was winning one game at a time and moving onto the next."

Experienced Tufts squad ready to top last year's finish

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times, which is definitely good."

Gregor believes the three newcomers that will join the team this fall can come in and make an immediate impact, pushing the rest of the team to compete.

"It still remains to be seen how they will respond to college tennis, but I've got pretty high hopes for all three of them," he said. "I think they also have a lot of upside too, where hopefully they're going to be players that are playing by far their best tennis when they're seniors, so they'll be developing every year."

Beyond the three incoming first-years, this year's squad will be one built on experience: Tufts lost just one player to graduation, co-captain Brian Tan (LA '15), and it will return their entire starting lineup from last year. The senior class, which includes Roy Peleg, Nick Cary, Nik Telkedzhiev, Jay Glickman and Jacobson, will look to step up and carry the leadership duties.

"I feel like it will be more picking up where I left off," Gregor said. "I feel like the benefits are going to be that I'll actually have quite a bit more time to dedicate to the individual players, especially in the fall, and I won't be trying to juggle two jobs. I'll be here full time, and that's when we've — in the past — been able to do the most developmental work."

With established team chemistry and only a few kinks to work out, the Jumbos are poised to make a strong run this season. After being blanked 5-0 by

Williams in the opening round of the NESCAC tournament last year, the team is surely ready to get back at it.

"I really hope that they come back hungrier, kind of seeing what they were very capable of," Gregor said. "You know, I thought we had a team that could have gotten to the NCAA [tournament] or gone very far in the NESCAC tournament, if not win it. We fell a little short, but then again it is a progression. Last year was much better than the year before."

The key to this season will be muscling out wins in close matches. Last season, the team was on the losing side of a couple of contests against some of the top teams in the country, such as Emory (5-4) and Bowdoin (5-4). Winning results in those types of matches could give Tufts the push it needs to make the run for a NESCAC championship or NCAA tournament berth.

"We believe we can win every match we play, so that's where we start when we plan out our road map for where we want the season to go," Jacobson said. "If we play well and continue to work hard, this team has the potential to compete and beat the best teams in the nation. We'd love to beat our seeding at NESCACs and earn our spot in the NCAA tournament, but we will take it one day at a time and just try to improve every time we step out on the court."

"I think they all know they can do it," Gregor said. "They all want it, and if we're in the exact same spot next spring as we were this past spring, I feel like we've got the team that will win those matches now."

Jumbos riding national championship momentum into new season

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Kramer and reserves Michael Miele, Kento Nakamura and Kyle Volpe.

"You lose a great core group of seniors who were very influential members in the program for their entire experience," Shapiro said. "But I think we've got great leaders and great soccer players who will demand respect from the younger players and the team returning."

Kayne echoed his coach's sentiment regarding moving on and continuing to play at the high standard set by the most recent Tufts graduates.

"This is a tough group of seniors to leave because they developed the culture that currently exists within the team," Kayne said. "However, every player on the team knows that their role is going to change when the group of seniors leave. There are several players on this team who have played in a lot of NESCAC games and know what it takes to lead this team to success."

Seven starters from the national championship game return for Tufts this fall. Among them are Kayne, junior and All-NESCAC goalkeeper Scott Greenwood, senior midfielder Connor Brown, senior defender Monil Patel, senior midfielder Rui Pinheiro, junior midfielder Zach Halliday and sophomore defender Matt Zinner. Experienced players also include senior defender Connor Schaible, senior forward Tal Smith and junior midfielder Nathan Majumder, who scored two goals in the title game.

The Jumbos will need the leadership and experience from the returning players to compete at the highest level this fall and remain at the top of the rankings. Joining

the Jumbos in the top five are three teams that Tufts defeated in the NCAA tournament last season. Wheaton (Ill.) sits at No. 2 and Messiah (Pa.), a ten-time champion and the victim of a 1-0 Tufts victory in the quarterfinals, opens up the season at No. 3. Tufts also defeated Ohio Wesleyan, who begins the season at No. 5, 3-0 in the semifinals.

The title defense begins on Sept. 8 on the road in a night game against Endicott College before the home opener against NESCAC foe Colby on Sept. 12. Although the only other NESCAC team in the preseason top 25 is No. 10 Amherst, the NESCAC has been one of the toughest conferences in the country year in and year out. Continuity of their style of play will help Tufts remain at the top of the standings. In the NCAA tournament, Tufts started quickly and scored the first goal in each game. That is the style the Jumbos seek to emulate this season too.

"Our experience in the tournament showed us that the first ten minutes of our game can set the tempo going forward," Kayne said. "If we can dominate play early on and put them on their heels, then I think we will be successful against Colby."

Overall, the team enters the season with a wave of confidence and motivation to write its own story. To do that, though, the Jumbos must play within their system, which they seem to have solidified.

"We have to believe in what we've built as a program," Shapiro said. "We've got a fantastic reference point now. We did this then and that worked, so let's try to replicate that. So hopefully the guys come in confident and believing that our brand of Tufts soccer can allow us to be really successful."

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