

Youth voter turnout increases

Voters under 30 are only the age group to prefer Kerry

BY DANIELA PERDOMO
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In a campaign marked by countless awareness campaigns and registration drives, including P. Diddy's "Vote or Die" crusade, young voters responded in force Tuesday.

Nationwide youth turnout was at 47 percent Tuesday, according to yesterday's press release from the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE).

But an MTV/CIRCLE poll conducted in September found that 80 percent of young registered voters — Americans aged 18 to 29 years old — intended to

vote on Nov. 2.

Nevertheless, "turnout increased greatly — it was four points higher than the previous peak youth turnout in 1992," said Hans Reimer, political director of Rock the Vote. "[This year's] numbers show that young voters turned out in force."

Rock the Vote, a nonprofit and non-partisan organization, coordinated voter registration drives, voter education efforts and entertainment-related events across the country in an effort to get young people to vote in Tuesday's election.

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JEFF CHEN/TUFTS DAILY

Students discuss the outcome of the presidential election yesterday evening in Lane Hall. Many students expressed worry at the prospect of another Bush presidency.

'What now?' ask worried students

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About 20 people gathered in Lane Hall yesterday evening for a somber discussion session about Tuesday's election, with several speakers openly expressing grief at President Bush's victory over John Kerry.

One student was moved to tears as she spoke about "a possibility that the next four years [could] be really, really bad," specifically referring to her fears that the Bush administration might institute a draft.

In an atmosphere where all the speakers professed liberal-leaning views, many people spoke in disbelief at the implications of the election.

"I can't fathom how an intelligent per-

son can think this is good for their country," sophomore Allie Bohm said.

Sociology Professor Susan Ostrander expressed surprise that "We're such a highly educated country, and yet we're the most conservative country in the Western industrialized world."

Attendees were surprised by the successful youth turnout. David Arond, a professor at the Sackler School of Medicine, also noted that contrary to traditional trends, wealthier people seemed to lean toward Kerry, while the vote of blue collar workers generally went to Bush.

Arond also pointed to the fear of terrorism as a contributing factor to Bush's victory. "Out of fear and the need

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Binding a nation and building a legacy



STEVE DESLICH/KRT

WASHINGTON, DC — George W. Bush is no longer the Accidental President.

In capturing both an electoral majority and the popular vote, Bush lays claim to another four years in the White House with a newly minted mandate to deal with a troubling war abroad and unfinished work at home.

Above, President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush wave to supporters following the President's victory speech at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C., yesterday, after defeating Sen. John Kerry (D-MA).

So how will Bush govern this time around? His biggest task, experts say, will be reaching across party lines in a nation divided and rewarding the red-state Republicans who were motivated by values and who put him back in office.

And as Bush prepares for the second term his father never had, these decisions will define his legacy.

"His impulses are pulling him in two directions at once," said University of Texas presidential scholar Bruce Buchanan. "There's a polarization problem, and 'to heal and unite' are the kind of words you always hear after an election."

"On the other hand, he's feeling vindicated," Buchanan said. "He's telling people in private before the election that, 'By golly, we're going to continue to do what we said we were going to.' That's who he is."

In his victory speech yesterday, Bush sought "the broad support of Americans" and dwelled not only on binding a divided nation but also pursuing his conservative agenda on the economy, taxes, Social Security and "our deepest values of family and faith."

Such decisions on domestic and foreign matters in the second term will define his legacy, said Austin political consultant Reggie Bashur, a former Bush adviser.

"This one's for the history books," he said.

—Wayne Slater, KRT

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Despite national shift, Tufts unlikely to end early decision process

Critics say program favors wealthier applicants; acceptance rate is higher for E.D. students

BY MARK PESAVENTO
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Though there is a growing concern among applicants, parents, and universities that early decision programs favor wealthy and well-connected applicants, Tufts seems unlikely to abandon its two-round early admissions process in the near future.

Universities across the nation, including Yale and Stanford, are responding to the controversy surrounding early decision programs by switching to non-binding early action plans.

The University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill was the first to terminate its early decision program for students applying in the fall of 2003 in part because admissions offi-

cers said it gave unfair advantages to upper and upper-mid-class applicants.

"No matter how responsibly you run an early decision program, it still tends to [admit] a group of students who are more financially able and less diverse," UNC Director of Admissions Jerome Lucido said upon ending the program.

Early decision applicants at Tufts also tend to come from more privileged backgrounds. "There is a disproportionate number of affluent students in the early decision pool," Dean of Undergraduate Admissions Lee Coffin said.

Tufts offers two rounds of early decision — applications under Early Decision I are due Nov. 15, while those under Early Decision II are due Jan. 1st.

Early decision applicants at Tufts are also accepted at a higher rate than students in the regular applicant pool.

For the 2003-04 academic year, 39 percent of students who applied to Tufts under Early Decision I were accepted, in comparison to the overall admissions rate of 26 percent, according to U.S. News and World Report.

Early applicants tend to be more successful than regular applicants for a number of reasons, such as their enthusiasm for their top-choice institution, as well as their confidence and motivation, Coffin said.

"The early decision option allows us to populate programs with students who are academically talented as well as interested in signature areas of the

school," Coffin said.

But early decision students are actually not always more academically gifted than regular decision applicants. According to a November 2003 article in *The Atlantic Monthly*, a "recent study of 14 highly selective schools by researchers at Harvard determined that on average, early decision candidates had slightly lower SAT scores and class ranks than candidates who applied during the regular admissions season."

No figures on the SAT scores and class ranks of early decision Tufts applicants were available at press time.

"I think it is overstated that financial aid kids are disadvantaged" in the early

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Green Cab Association to offer discounted fares to airport

BY DANNY LUTZ
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The Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate and the Green Cab Association are finalizing an agreement to give Tufts students a flat rate for rides to the airport this December.

The agreement stems from student displeasure over high fares to the airport. Currently, two students picked up from different locations on campus sharing a cab to the same airport destination must pay full fare.

Students riding alone are also charged the full metered fare, along with any fees for tolls.

TCU Senator and freshman Bruni Hirsch contacted Green Cab this fall in hopes of creating a cheaper way for students to get to Logan International. While the Senate runs the Turkey Shuttle

for students heading home before Thanksgiving, no such transportation exists before winter break.

"It's so much cheaper to take the T," Hirsch said. "But kids will have a lot more luggage for winter break. [Cabs are] a lot faster, too."

Green Cab Association manager Bill Horn said his company has agreed to a deal that is "win-win for both students and [cab] drivers," by which Green Cab will charge a flat rate of \$20 per person if the Senate arranges for groups of students to meet at the Campus Center and split a ride to the airport.

According to Horn, Tufts students comprise a large demographic of Green Cab's business. "We don't want to give our competition a chance to come in and take our business," he said.

To uphold the arrangement, the Senate must ensure that a cab picking up

Tufts students leaves with no fewer than two passengers.

Hirsch said the Senate will post a sign-up sheet in the Campus Center, where students will write in times they need a cab to the airport. Hirsch will then forward the list to Horn, who will arrange for a pick-up at the specified times.

"Students are going to have to know their flight time in advance," Hirsch said.

One obstacle to the agreement is fear of students backing out. "If one student doesn't show, it isn't feasible for a driver to take a student for \$20," Hirsch said. "If [drivers] aren't making more than \$20 per ride, it isn't fair."

A single metered fare from Tufts to the airport "would probably run in the low thirties one way," Horn said. Drivers would lose money if they charged \$20 for a single ride.

But the new agreement won't neces-

sarily benefit everyone. Students who would normally split a ride from the same dorm will be charged \$20 a head, whereas before the agreement they would have each paid half of the metered fare.

These students "will get the short end of the stick," Horn said.

Both Horn and Hirsch are hesitant to set the agreement in stone, however. "I think we'll have to see how it goes this year," Hirsch said. "It may end up being too much of a burden."

Green Cab operates under Somerville regulations and meter fares are determined by the city. The company lends cars to drivers for a certain cost, and whatever amount drivers make on top of the cost is profit.

According to Horn, cab drivers have not yet been made aware of the new flat fare rate for the month of December.

Kerry urges bipartisan unity after defeat

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"Youth turnout increased immensely so we are definitely satisfied; that was our objective," Reimer said.

CIRCLE's press release reports that 4.6 million more young voters showed up at polls on Tuesday than in the 2000 election, for a total of 20.9 million.

The proportion of young voters in the electorate remained the same as in 2000 at about 18 percent, since the overall number of voters increased as well.

In the 10 most hotly-contested states — Florida, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin — youth turnout was at 64 percent, up 13 points from 2000.

The youth's share of the electorate in these swing states was 19 percent — one point higher than in the entire nation.

Political Science Professor Jeffrey Berry said the mobilization of the youth vote on Tuesday was a success. "They're the hardest cohort to get out to vote so it was that much harder of a task," he said.

The Associated Press reports that 114.3 million Americans voted on Tuesday, with 99 percent of nationwide precincts reporting. The grand total of ballots cast will come to about 120 million when the nearly six million absentee ballots are counted.

Eleven percent of those who voted on Tuesday had never voted before.

This year's turnout — about 60 percent of the eligible American electorate — is the highest since 1968, when Richard Nixon ran against Hubert Humphrey and 60.6 percent of eligible voters cast ballots.

Sophomore Dan Grant, a member of Tufts Votes and Tufts 1200, two on-campus

groups who worked both to register students in Massachusetts and help out-of-state students get absentee ballots, said he was surprised the strong youth turnout did not translate into a victory for the Democrats.

"I deep down thought Kerry would win fairly easily what with all the young new voters," Grant said. "I underestimated the fact that Republicans have a big base they can mobilize too. Being in Boston you don't realize just how passionate the rest of the country is for the morality of Bush."

Indeed, according to Alejandro Arzu, a senior at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, "everyone on campus went out and voted — and they voted for Bush."

At Tufts, the political scene is quite different.

A campus poll conducted by the Daily in March showed that 67 percent of Tufts students planned to vote for Kerry. Another poll conducted by The Primary Source last month showed 86 percent of Tufts students planning to vote for Kerry.

Pollsters' assumptions that young voters would rally for the Democrats were not unfounded — CIRCLE reports that the 18- to 29-year-old demographic was the only age group to prefer the Democrats. Fifty-four percent of young voters chose the Kerry-Edwards ticket over 44 percent who picked the Bush-Cheney ticket.

But national exit polls show that Republicans were successful in mobilizing their supporters as well, diminishing the effects of the increased youth vote.

"There was a very large-scale effort to register conservative Christians who were inactive last time," Berry said. "[Bush adviser] Karl Rove made it public that that was their strategy."

Exit polls show that 70 percent of those who voted for

Bush are Protestants that go to church on a weekly basis.

Eighty-one percent of Bush voters told exit pollsters that religious faith was the most important quality in a presidential candidate while 95 percent of Kerry voters said bringing change was most important.

Only five percent of Bush voters said change was the most important factor for them.

"This election was important to a lot of people," President of Tufts Republicans Nicholas Boyd said. "Americans see radical activists pushing things like gay marriage and getting rid of the partial-birth abortion ban; it strikes them as an abomination so they got out and voted for Bush."

Indeed, only six months after Massachusetts legalized gay marriage, voters in 11 states approved constitutional amendments that would make marriage an exclusively heterosexual institution — all by double-digit margins.

In Mississippi, 86 percent of voters supported the measure.

Despite such ample evidence of the nation's partisan divide, Kerry told his supporters in his concession speech yesterday afternoon that the campaign's end brings a "desperate need for unity" in the country.

Junior Samir Aziz, who voted for Kerry via absentee ballot in his home state of Ohio, fears this might not be possible. "I think there will be a lot of unrest in the country," he said.

Boyd seeks to assuage Kerry supporters. "Don't work yourself into fear over [this second] Bush presidency — the war on terror helps every American, including those at Tufts. [Bush will] prove he's a great commander-in-chief."

"But if he fails to convince liberals, he has a stronger GOP majority to fall back on," he said.

Panel encourages optimism, activism for next four years

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for security, people sometimes seek black and white answers," he said. "Bush offers those answers."

But junior Jim Fraser raised the question that was in contention for much of the event: "what do we do now?"

In response, junior Jessica Simoncelli said the Democratic Party must "reevaluate" itself over the next four years. "My worry, though, is that while we're doing that, Rehnquist is dying," she said, implying that Bush would inevitably stack the Supreme Court with conservative justices.

“It's helpful to remind yourself that you do have people who agree with you to be around before you book your flight to Canada.”

Gary McKissick
Assistant Professor of Political Science

Ostrander also criticized the Democrats for their loss. "Why do the Democrats keep trying to out-Republican the Republicans?" she asked. "We either really need to do that or move to the left."

"I really think [Kerry] blew it," Ostrander said.

Assistant Professor of Political Science Gary McKissick placed the responsibility for changing the country's situation on dissenting liberals.

"I think people who are unhappy about this election should not spend four seconds worrying about the

Democrats," McKissick said. Considering the poor state of the economy, he said, "the easiest way for the Republicans to keep their majority is to get rid of things that cost us no money but are big issues for us, like gay marriage."

The best solution to this problem is "not for the Democratic party to discover it has a soul, but for activists at the ground level to say 'enough.'" McKissick said this sentiment would eventually make its way up to the party level.

Bohm said the outcome of the election is "very much a call to action. If we are concerned about civil liberties or [abortion rights] that means that as individuals or groups or activists, we need to act further."

Fraser said he had spoken to several students who had considered fleeing the problem by leaving the United States. "That's exactly what we don't need," he said.

While anger is natural in such a situation, Arond said dissenters should focus on freeing themselves of this feeling. "If I allow that energy to take hold, the other people win," he said. "I should look at what I can do positively rather than get caught up in what could have been."

In the four years until the next election, "it's helpful to remind yourself that you do have people who agree with you to be around before you book your flight to Canada," McKissick said. "It's a great privilege to be in a place like this where you can find people to draw strength from."

Assistant Director of Peace and Justice Studies Dale Bryan said there is room for optimism during Bush's second tenure. "If you have hope in some positive way, live inside that hope," he said.

MARKETS

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Tomorrow


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Monday


Partly cloudy
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Saturday


Partly cloudy
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Tuesday


Partly cloudy
44/25

Sunday


Mostly sunny
57/42

Wednesday


Sunny
44/28

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“A lot of times, if you're a minority, there's a stigma you have to go out for things.”

Andrew Lannaman
Senior actor

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Downloading the classroom: online courses offer new options

Some students view such courses as 'wasting great professors'

BY JINAH KIM
Contributing Writer

No student can deny that it is not fun to have to get up, get dressed, and trek all the way across campus for an 8:25 a.m. class. Imagine how easy life would be if all it took was the click of a mouse to get there.

This is a different kind of class, of course. The dress code is strictly pajamas. Showers — and even fresh breath — are optional. This is the classroom via the Internet and all it requires is that the student sits comfortably in her own room and follow along.

ExCollege Professor Ronnee Yashon teaches a course called "Genetics, Ethics, and the Law" that was offered online last fall. "The online class was very popular — students liked it and they learned as much [as a traditional class]," Yashon said. "The final grades when compared to the 'in class' section were almost identical."

Another ExCollege course, "Animals: Ethics, Law, and Activism," was taught through Blackboard last spring.

Students got weekly assignments, projects, comments and questions regarding lectures and readings from a main class discussion board. Professor Paulina Essunger posted a new lesson on the course website weekly. Lectures included assignment instructions, helpful links, and important concepts from readings. Students would turn in assignments by e-mail or by posting them on the discussion board.

"This class was something that was done better online because it is a newer subject with a lot of material being online anyway," senior Ashley O'Connor said.

O'Connor was happy the class was taught online. "I thought people could speak their minds more," she said. "Even people who may speak up in class might still be holding back on something they want to say. The anonymity of it was good."

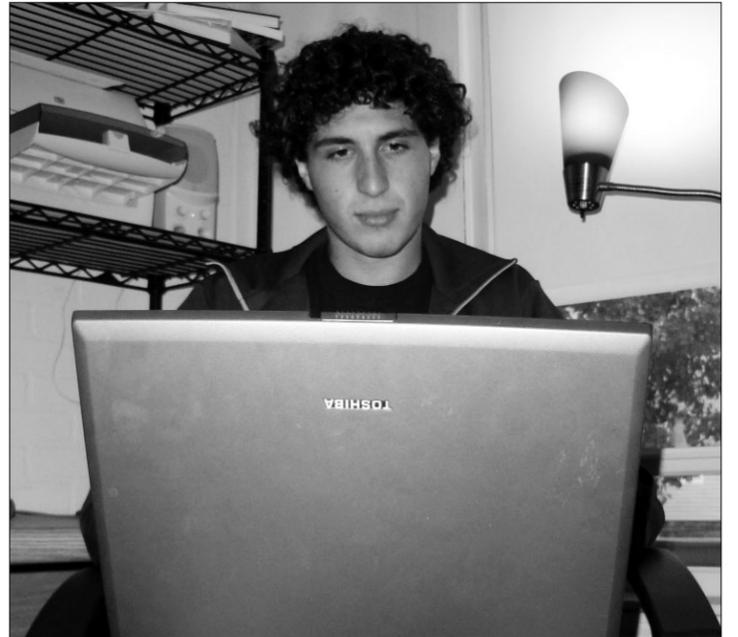
But O'Connor did note some drawbacks as well. "Sometimes it was difficult to understand if your work was good because you couldn't see the professor's

reactions," she said. "[Essunger] did her best to comment on everything though."

On a national level, online classes are providing windows to more educational opportunities for students. Many of these are full-credit courses offered by major universities. The University of Pennsylvania offers a number of online courses through its PennAdvance program.

Online courses also benefit students who don't live on a college campus or whose schedules prevent them from attending class at regular hours.

"Such courses might work well, especially for students in situations where it is hard to access a college community," Tufts Child Development Professor George Scarlett said. "I know from my days of teaching night courses [at] a commuter college that the students traveled far to take the course but had no real community; it might have been better for them had the course been online."



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Online courses offer students the chance to skip the snowdrifts and walk to the computer for class.

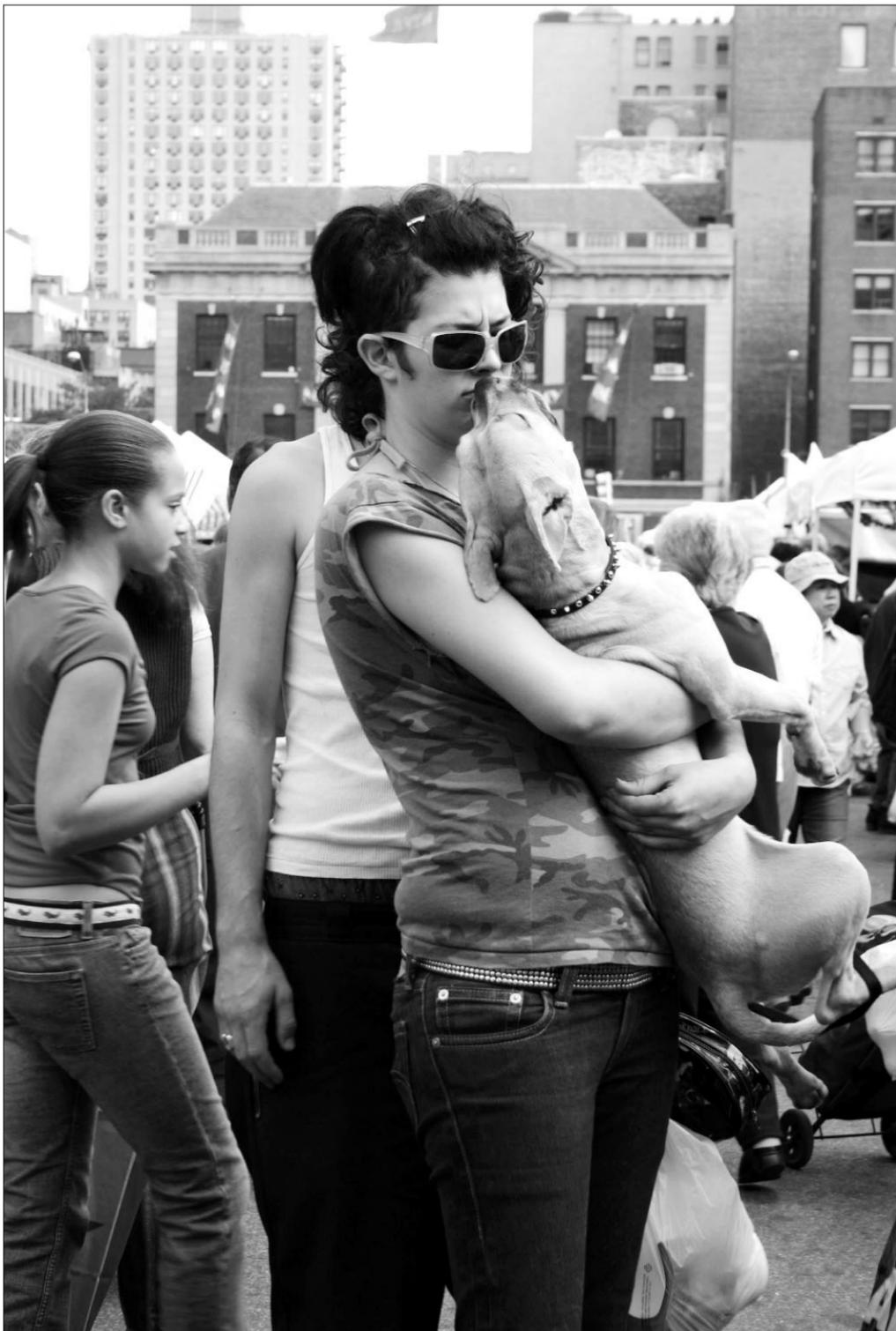
Courses via the Internet connect students from all over the world while sparing them the cost of travel. A student in Spain could enroll in an online class at a major American uni-

versity, and he would never have to leave his room.

Like any new development, classes via the Internet have

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CAPTURED | PUPPY LOVE



RACHEL GEYLIN

Rachel Geylin is a freshman who has not declared a major. She became interested in photography during her senior year of high school, when she was yearbook editor-in-chief. This photo was taken Columbus Day Weekend at the Union Square Farmers' Market in New York City.

"Captured" is the Daily's weekly photo column, open to any University student. Please send your artistic and creative pictures to weeklyphoto@tuftsdaily.com

EVAN COCHRAN | DOWN WITH THE FCC



Vote Johnny College

Just because our country didn't elect a new President doesn't mean that Tufts shouldn't. While Larry Bacow hasn't done a horrible job as President, he hasn't done a great one either. During his short tenure at Tufts, Bacow has ruined the Naked Quad Run, cancelled last year's Spring Fling, failed to improve Tufts' national ranking in The U.S. World News and Report, killed our social life, never told us a funny joke and, most damningly, refused to give a thumbs up to the crowds outside his house after the Red Sox won the ALCS.

I think that this is unacceptable, and moreover, I think that its time for Tufts to go in another direction.

We need our next president to be someone who is deeply committed to making your four years here as fun and worthwhile as they should be, someone who can recognize the "Animatrix" as one of the greatest works of art of the last decade. Someone who gives hockey its due respect, someone who knows what it's like to get tested for the clap.

In short, we need Johnny College.

Well, I went and talked with the elusive JC himself. He had been holed up in an undisclosed Miller dorm room for a week hiding from his estranged ex-wife and seemed tense, but he took the time to give me a list of changes he would make as President of Tufts. Here you go ...

1. Hotung would be converted into a bar for students over 21.

Imagine being able to stop in the Hotung bar between classes

for a 48-ounce beer called the Jumbo, play some darts and then get back to doing whatever it is that you people do. And best of all, we could create a Tufts single dating scene at the bar and then drink enough Jumbos to forget about the back hair and thunder thighs.

2. There should be a place to rent go-carts on campus.

Tufts is honestly too goddamn hilly to walk around, so instead of having to bust our asses all over this alp we should be able to rent quick, nimble go-carts at a reasonable rate. Helmets would be optional of course, and in the case of an accident, a fight to the death or submission shall decide the guilty party.

In the winter we would obviously switch over to snowmobiles, and pulling people behind on skis would be allowed and encouraged.

3. We need a fountain. Fountains are cool.

4. Get rid of the old useless cannon and get a real one.

We're through dicking around with this soft, leisurely accepted vandalism. From now on the cannon will be operational and manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week by a skilled and tested cannoneer.

If you want to paint the cannon, fine, but you'll have to contend with my Cousin Zeke, all loaded up on speed and firing ironshot at you first. This way when someone paints the cannon you'll know that they had something worthwhile to say, not just "Dewick has cheeseburgers!" or "I like crew!"

Nah, all that hippie bullcrap is done with. This is Zeke's house now.

5. We gotta get a real elephant.

I'm sorry, but that statue on the Academic Quad just isn't getting anyone all fired up to be a Jumbo. It'd be much better to see the real Jumbo walking around Frat Row, chilling on the President's lawn grazing on some bushes, smashing the Ticket Maid's car apart.

Yeah, we definitely need to get

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a real elephant here. Football games would be a lot cooler with the elephant too, and if you show me a law that says mascots can't play linebacker in collegiate games, then I'll show you another rule we need to change.

6. More ping-pong tables everywhere.

7. All incoming freshman will be forced to watch "PCU," "Animal House," and "Old School" before being allowed on campus.

Some people would say that vaccinations and physicals are far more important than watching these films, but c'mon, when was the last time a flu shot taught you how to live your life?

8. Admissions will have to be changed drastically as well.

No longer will we emphasize annoying virtues such as a "hard work ethic" or "good grades." Instead we'll be relying heavily on interviews to determine if a given candidate for admission is or is not in fact a tool, IQ tests, and general knowledge of both Led Zeppelin and the Grateful Dead.

People who work hard are by no means any better off in our opinion because, as everyone knows, hard work is just for people short on talent.

9. This campus needs at least one water-slide.

10. And I, as President, would finally get rid of the crackhead that lives on your porch once for all.

I'm not saying I'm going to kill the guy, but rather I'm pledging to make him a full professor. You'd be surprised, but you can learn a lot more useful information from one conversation with a crackhead than you can from an entire semester of astronomy classes.

This is it, Johnny College's platform for the Presidency of Tufts University. If you like what you've read here, please don't make a petition against Bacow. Petitions are for sad, pathetic people who spend their dead lives trying to protect their tired belief systems and scared thought processes with nothing more than a handful of other cowards' signatures.

No, instead put up a sign, make a shirt or punch a Republican. Do something concrete, I beg of you. Do something worthwhile and noble in support of our esteemed candidate Johnny College.

Many pluses and minuses exist for online courses

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both drawbacks and benefits. Although they may be more convenient, online courses often take away from the interactive aspect of the classroom and the educational community.

"I can't imagine how an online course could be better or as good as a course offered within a college community where there is real contact and conversation not only during class time but in between class time," Scarlett said. "Courses function best when they are embedded within a community."

Astronomy professor Kenneth Lang agreed. "The Internet is a useful tool for enhancing college education, but textbooks and direct human contact in

lectures provide equally important aspects of a complete university education," Lang said.

Online courses are not for everyone. Some students prefer having personal interaction with their professors and classmates.

"It depends on the course, freshman Johnna Swartz said. If it were an [introductory] course, I would probably take it online. But I would rather take a course like English or foreign language in class, since I feel like I benefit from discussion and the ideas of other students."

Sophomore Caitlin Thompson agreed. "At Tufts, we benefit from great professors, and those professors, are for the most part, at their best in person," Thompson said. "Online courses

are a waste of amazing professors. I would only take an online course as a refresher."

Professors teaching traditional classes can still use the Internet for supplementary material. Lang integrates the web into his courses as much as possible. He believes that the Internet "can open up new perspectives to learning" enhanced by visuals and "access to the most recent discoveries."

"In my astronomy course, the students have direct connections through the course web site to the latest spacecraft images and the spacecraft themselves," Lang said.

"The latest results and key images can be used during course lectures and independently viewed by the students in their rooms," he added.

Students have mixed feelings about early decision system

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decision process, Coffin said. "Right now financial aid is a finite procedure at the end of the [application] process."

Coffin said students' needs would be met and that their financial situations had no bearing on acceptance under the early decision program.

But Tufts has yet to obtain need-blind status — one of the major recommendations on the 2003 report of the Task Force on Undergraduate Life — meaning financial considerations are still part of admissions decisions.

Coffin said students accepted under the early decision program who receive what they see as an inadequate financial aid offer have the option of rescinding their enrollment, which is otherwise binding.

Last year, out of the 554 students accepted under early decision, only 15 did not enroll, either for financial reasons or to take the year off. These 554 students make up 42 percent of Tufts' class of 2008.

Freshman Sara Franklin said she applied to Tufts under Early Decision I

to get the process out of the way and because she was "pretty sure it would enhance my chances of getting in."

Though applying early worked to her benefit, Franklin is now critical of the program in retrospect. "I think it gives an incredibly unfair edge to people who couldn't get into the college search early enough or those who couldn't apply early decision based on financial aid," Franklin said.

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Sara Franklin

Tufts freshman and past E.D. applicant

"If they are looking to have an equal admission process, then [early decision]

shouldn't be offered," Franklin said.

But Coffin said Tufts is unlikely to abandon its two-stage early decision program in the near future.

"From an institutional standpoint, it is a very difficult process," Coffin said.

According to some critics, universities are reluctant to let go of early admissions policies because they increase a statistic called "student yield," which measures the percentage of students accepted to a university that choose to enroll there.

Student yield is a factor in such national college rankings as U.S. News and World Report's "America's Best Colleges."

Ashley Pandya, a high school senior at Laurelton High School in Fairfield, Conn. who plans to apply to Tufts under Early Decision I, said she appreciates early decision. "It has probably decreased my stress level, because if I do get in early, it'll be nice to know so early on and have it be a done deal," she said.

But Pandya had some major qualms about applying early because it would not allow her to compare financial aid packages between schools where she was accepted.

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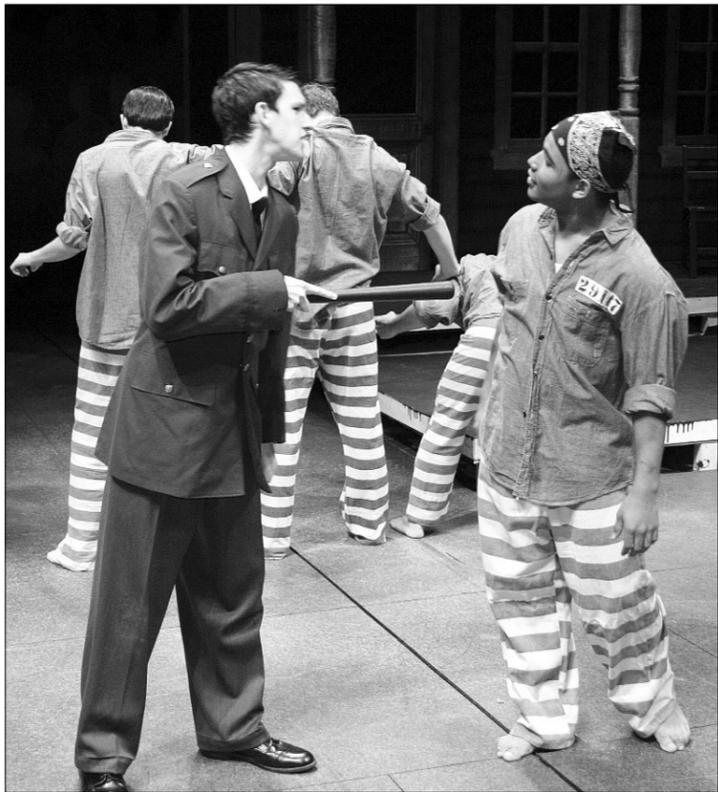
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BEN THAYER/KRT

James Cepero III, right, a student at Bridgewater State College, was cast as Jim Conley in the Tufts production of "Parade." The Department of Drama and Dance is paying Cepero a \$800 stipend for the part, after campus auditions failed to attract anyone suitable for the role.

Shortage of minority actors leads Drama to seek off-campus talent

Student actors call for more group cooperation to promote diversity

BY ALISSA GREEN
Daily Editorial Board

As the Drama department's fall production of "Parade" closes its curtains this weekend, its choice to cast a black actor unaffiliated with Tufts in a significant part raises questions at a school that regularly touts its diverse campus.

James Cepero III, a student at Bridgewater State College, was cast and paid an \$800 stipend to play the black chain-gang felon Jim Conley because after the auditions, only one black Tufts actor had auditioned. He was also cast in another race specific role, that of night watchman Newt Lee.

This "documusical" is based on the true story of Jewish Yankee Leo Frank who was lynched by an angry mob for the 1913 murder of Mary Phagan in

Atlanta. However, as the play progresses, the script strongly hints that it was Conley, not Frank, who was the true murderer of Phagan, though this implication has never been proved.

"I had to do something that resonated to me — that's why I was compelled to do Parade," said director, Barbara Grossman, Head of the Drama Department. "I see "Parade" not as a work about Leo Frank, but as the line between super patriotism and bigotry, intolerance and racism."

Despite her enthusiasm for the production, two issues bothered her greatly — the lack of female and African American parts.

"I'm a director who always believed in color blind casting. I almost didn't do "Parade" because it would violate my own policy. It's a show that has to be cast according to race because it

really happened. But I can understand how black actors in 2004 might not want to play the part of janitor and maid."

Recognizing this to be a potential problem, Grossman put forth a significant effort to attract students to audition, ranging from contacting the Black Theater Company to sending e-mails to various culture houses on campus to appealing to the minority students in the Gospel Choir.

"Barbara Grossman came to us and explained the musical thing, that they needed actors and we told people about it, but I guess no one responded," said senior James Dormon, director of the Black Theater Company. "Generally we have a hard time getting white people to come out and audition for plays. I guess it

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TV PREVIEW

Lose yourself in the O.C.

BY BLAIR RAINSFORD
Daily Editorial Board

After the real-life ups and downs of World Series Wednesday and Election Tuesday, it's finally time for the kitschy fakeness of "O.C." Thursday.

The show that many consider the best and most popular teen drama since "90210" (apparently they've forgotten "Dawson's Creek," "My So-Called Life," "Party of Five," "Felicity," "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," and "7th Heaven") begins its second season tonight.

In case you've forgotten what happened since the season finale six months ago, here's a brief refresher: Ryan Atwood (Benjamin McKenzie) discovers that his ex-girlfriend Theresa (Navi Rawat) is pregnant with his child and decides to follow her back to their old neighborhood to help raise the baby. In the process, Ryan breaks Marissa Cooper's (Mischa Barton) heart and devastates Seth Cohen (Adam Brody), his best friend. After seeing Ryan drive off to Chino and losing the affections of his long-time crush Summer Roberts (Rachel Bilson), Seth heads for Tahiti on his tiny sailboat.

Meanwhile, Sandy (Seth's father, played by Peter Gallagher) and Jimmy (Marissa's father, played by Tate Donovan) have invested most of their money in a risky restaurant endeavor that could result in both men losing everything. Marissa's mother Julie (Melinda Clarke) has married Seth's grandfather Caleb Nichol (Alan Dale), and Caleb's business (which employs Seth's mother Kirsten, played by Kelly Rowan), is also struggling because of illegal and immoral deals Caleb has made.

The sharp banter between Seth and Sandy balances out the clichéd love story between Marissa and Ryan — which is

not to say that the Marissa and Ryan corniness isn't a vital part of the show.

In its first season, "The O.C." quickly became a smash hit and made fast celebrities of its four stars (McKenzie, Brody, Barton, and Bilson). Soon their private lives became almost as much of a soap opera as the show itself, with reports of Brody and Bilson dating, and Barton getting in diva-style fights at clubs with her partier-boyfriend Brandon Davis.

Controversy only added to the success of the show, which won over teenyboppers and cynics alike with its combination of melodrama and clever self-reflexiveness.

Though "The O.C." often falls into "guilty pleasure" territory, it's aware of it: Summer makes fun of Seth for being an emo-stereotype to a T, Seth laughs at Sandy when he tries too hard to be the "cool dad," and so on.

A good example of the show's internal melodrama-versus-wit-tiness balancing act occurred when, toward the end of the first season, Ryan and Seth took a trip to Vegas and inconceivably ended up accidentally promising all their money to prostitutes. Ryan had to win it back in a poker game against a thug in a trucker hat who wanted to beat him up. When Ryan — who is no stranger to the business end of a barstool — expressed his nervousness about making the hoodlum angry, Seth reassured him: "Maybe he's angry because he found out people don't wear trucker hats anymore."

Seth's quick wit endeared him the most to "O.C." viewers last season, making the issue of his flight from Newport Beach the primary concern of the majority of fans. Not to spoil season two for anyone, but this week's TV Guide says that he ends up in Portland, Ore. The real question, then, is not "When will he return

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GALLERY REVIEW



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Student art work tackles religion in new Hillel Gallery.

Exhibit focuses on 'religious serenity'

BY SARA LUDOVISE
Daily Editorial Board

Religion and art are often intertwined. It's difficult to imagine the great churches and synagogues of Europe without picturing the beautiful paintings housed within them. "Michelangelo's Ceiling" painted on the ceiling in the Sistine Chapel is world renown. Many great pieces of the past reflect the divinity that inspired them.

The practice of using art as a conduit to examine religion may have fallen out of practice today, but a new Tufts art exhibit that opened this week will go a long way toward providing an opportunity for art to act as a mechanism for religious dialogue.

"A Lens Toward Peace: An Expression of Religious Serenity and Harmony" tries to take a closer look at what religious harmony really means. The artwork in the exhibit reflects different ideas about peace and serenity, and provides perspectives on what that represents within different religious contexts.

The exhibit, which is sponsored both by Hillel and by the Catholic Community at Tufts (CCT),

will be on display in the Slater Concourse Gallery through Dec. 19. Its opening reception is scheduled to take place tonight at 8 p.m.

"Lens" is the second art exhibit put on by Hillel and is also the second curated by Tufts seniors Erin Baldinger and Neil Hirsch. Last spring, the pair put together the organization's first art show, which was entitled "Journey of the Seeker: A Student Expression of Religion through Art."

"Journey" represented the first time that Baldinger and Hirsch used art to create an inter-faith dialogue, though its topic was much broader, centering more on a general religious theme. The two built upon the knowledge they gained last year to organize "Lens."

All of the pieces in the show were created by Tufts artists, including some in the joint five-year program with the School of the Museum of Fine Arts. An estimated half of the artists participated in the previous "Journey" exhibit; the other half are new.

At the time of press, the names of artwork and artists were not available.

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What's on this weekend

Thursday, November 4

CLUBS AND BARS

ATRIUM LOUNGE, (617-236-5300), Millennium Bostonian Hotel, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston. Nancy West.

AXIS, (617-262-2437), 13 Lansdowne St., Boston. At 10 p.m., DJ Nailz, Tasty & Taner K spinning vocal and progressive house.

CANTAB LOUNGE, (617-354-2685), 738 Mass. Ave., Central Sq., Cambridge. Chicken Slacks Soul Revue.

DICK'S LAST RESORT (617-267-8080), 55 Huntington Ave., Boston. Beantown Project.

EKCO LOUNGE, (617-338-8283), 41 Essex St., Boston. "Red Velvet," with DJs Geespin and Master Jay.

HANNAH'S, (617-629-5302), 499 Broadway, Somerville. Reggae and house with guest DJs.

HARPERS FERRY (617-254-9743), 158 Brighton Ave., Allston. "Royal Pop Collective Residency with Caged Heat, Silent Service, Violet Suns, Pilot Light.

JOHNNY D'S (617-776-2004), 17 Holland St., Davis Sq., Somerville. Kris Delmhorst.

LA BOOM, (617-357-6800), 25 Boylston Pl., Boston. At 11 p.m., "Privilege," international house with DJs Manos Linoxilakis and Christoph Muller.

THE PALLADIUM (508-797-9696), 261 Main St., Worcester. Yellowcard, Starting Line, Matches,

Craig's Brother.

SCULLERS (617-562-4111), 400 Soldiers Field Rd., Boston. At 8 and 10 p.m., Myanna, Bernard "Pretty" Purdie.

T.T. THE BEAR'S PLACE (617-492-BEAR), 10 Brookline St., Central Sq., Cambridge. Futureheads, Pitty Sing, Duresse.

THEATER

THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL Babson College's TheatreWorks presents Richard Brinsley Sheridan's 1777 comedy of manners about thwarted love and gossipmongers. At Sorenson Center for the Arts, Babson College, Wellesley (781-239-5682), November 4 through 6. Curtain is at 6 p.m. on Thursday and at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Tix \$12; \$6 for faculty, staff, alumni, and seniors; \$3 for students.

COMEDY

COMEDY CONNECTION, Boston. At 8:30 p.m., "The R-Rated Hypnotist" with Frank Santos.

MUSIC

DEERHOOF AND SUNBURNED HAND OF THE MAN perform at 5:30 p.m. at the ICC, 557 Cambridge St.

Friday, November 5

CLUBS AND BARS

CANTAB LOUNGE/THIRD RAIL (617-354-2685), 738 Mass. Ave., Central Sq., Cambridge. Upstairs: Little Joe Cook & the

Thrillers. Downstairs: "Original Rock, Roots & R&B."

ID (617-262-2437), 11 Lansdowne St., Boston. "Bashment" Reggae beats with DJ King Ilabash.

THE INTERNATIONAL (617-296-6270), 184 High St., Boston. "The Basement" house music with DJ Bradford James.

MIDDLE EAST (617-497-0576), 472 Mass Ave, Central Sq., Cambridge. Upstairs: "Clandestino: Rock in Spanish Party." Downstairs: Luna, Maplewood, Lockgroove.

T.T. THE BEAR'S PLACE (617-492-BEAR), 10 Brookline St., Central Sq., Cambridge. "International Pop Overthrow" with Boyce's Road, AdFrank, Redletter, King Radio, Jeremy, Senor Happy, Brill Bedroom.

WESTERN FRONT (617-492-7772), 343 Western Ave., Cambridge. "Hip-hop Producer's Showcase."

THEATER

EVITA Harold Prince, who directed the original 1979 London and Broadway stagings, winning one of his many Tonys, teams up with original choreographer Larry Fuller to helm this new production of Andrew Lloyd Webber & Tim Rice's best effort. At the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston Street, Boston (617-931-2787), November 2 through 14. Curtain is at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday (November 4 it's at 7 p.m.), at 2 and 8 p.m. on

Saturday, and at 2 and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tix \$37.50 to \$77.50.

COMEDY

COMEDY CONNECTION (617-248-9700), Upstairs at Faneuil Hall, Boston. At 6, 8:15, 10:30 p.m., Jeffrey Ross.

PUPPET SHOWPLACE THEATRE, Brookline. At 8 p.m., "One Year Anniversary Spectacular Show" with Kitsch In Sync.

MUSIC

BRUCE HORNSBY AND JONATHA BROOKE perform at 8 p.m. at the Orpheum, 1 Hamilton Pl., Boston. Tickets \$35-\$45; (617) 931-2000.

Saturday, November 6

CLUBS AND BARS

CLUB HOLLYWOOD (617-338-8283), 1-3 Harrison Ave., Boston. At 8:30 p.m., "Glitter Switch Drag Karaoke."

G-SPOT (617-423-6767), Downtown Crossing, Boston. "Deep, sexy house" with DJs Mike Traylor & Paul Incus.

HARD ROCK CAFE (617-353-1400), 131 Clarendon St., Boston. At 5 p.m., "Coalition for the Arts & Humanity Show" with Chris Thompson, Pony, Scissormen, Mike Asquino, Adam Ezra Band, Similar Jones.

MATRIX (617-338-ROXY), 275 Tremont St., Boston. "1984" '80s night with DJ Gibby.

PA'S LOUNGE (617-776-1557), 345 Somerville Ave., Somerville. "Number Six: An Unconventional Dance Night" with DJs Colbourne & Sileni Drop, X27.

TOAD (617-497-4950), 1912 Mass Ave, Porter Sq., Cambridge. At 7 p.m., "Greg's Saturday Showcase." At 10 p.m., Starhick.

THEATRE

THE DIET MONOLOGUES Tom Keydel directs this evening of "comic and tragicomic monologues with musical interludes on the national obsession with getting thin." At the Theater at Old South Church, 645 Boylston Street, Boston, November 5 through 14. Curtain is at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tix \$12, \$10 for students, at the door only.

COMEDY

COMEDY CONNECTION (617-248-9700), Upstairs at Faneuil Hall, Boston. At 6, 8:15, 10:30 p.m., Jeffrey Ross.

STEPHEN LYNCH & MITCH HEDBERG perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Orpheum, 1 Hamilton Pl., Boston. Tickets \$24.50-\$29.50; (617) 931-2000.

MUSIC

WAYFARING STRANGERS perform at 8 p.m. at the Somerville Theatre, 55 Davis Sq., Somerville. Tickets \$20-\$25; (617) 876-4275.



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Watching the Sox on the college dime

BY LAUREN FEIN
Contributing Writer

Sure the Sox's amazing postseason is old news now, but it's never too soon to start planning postseason celebrations for next year ... or 2090.

Orleans: Martinis and Martinez during ALCS Game 2

There's not much to be said about Orleans that you haven't already heard from your friend who looks down on drinking Guinness at The Burren and loves to believe that there can be a classy place for college students to hang out at in Davis Square.

Orleans has big comfortable couches, a gigantic television and fabulous martinis.

The five people that had ventured out that Wednesday to see Pedro pitch Game 2 of the ALCS in New York had already grabbed the good couch seats, so my friends and I huddled at the one end of the available couch to see the TV.

I ordered a Flirtini, which was pricey (eight bucks!) but delicious (cost the last time the Sox won in 1918: \$0.58). The bar food wasn't bad; I had the ironic Yankee pannini which seemed pre-made and only a slight step up from its Hotung equivalent.

The downside to being in a refined setting was me feeling obliged to politely discuss Jason Varitek's batting average and impending free agency when I really wanted to scream "KICK HIS ASS, TEK!" as A-Rod came to the plate.

The Sox lost that night and I was out \$30 (in 1918: \$2.18).

Bertuccis: Unlimited rolls and rioting during ALCS Game 7

We couldn't get into any bars down at Fenway, so we headed for the nearest place with beers and a TV in Kenmore Square, which happened to be Bertuccis. It didn't seem like the

ideal place to watch what was going to be the historic game that sent the Sox to the World Series, but it ended up being a great time.

Two thoughts on the night: You're thinking "Yankees suck!!" but I'm talking "unlimited rolls." The rolls kept coming through the 7th inning, when the bar got too crowded for the waitress to move.

We had Sam Adams Octoberfest and a small margarita pizza (today: \$9.99; in 1918: \$0.79).

The crowd was fun, the seating was plentiful, and we were right there for the post-game celebrations in Kenmore. The experience was worth every penny of the \$20 (plus cab to escape the riots) I spent.

Mike's Restaurant: Red October and cheap beer during World Series Game 4

We had been waiting for this night for 86 years. But we were also determined not to wait in line at any of the bars in Davis. So, we headed to Mike's Restaurant to grab a slice of pizza, have a few \$0.99 beers, and watch the game on the big screen.

Mike's Home Brew is on tap for \$0.99 (in 1918: \$0.11) per 12-oz. cup, although I would recommend splurging on the \$1.50 cup which basically equals a normal sized beer. Closer to water than alcohol, Mike's Home Brew nonetheless got the job done. The pizza was around \$2 a slice and it was pretty good.

Most importantly, the crowd was an eclectic mix of Somerville locals of varying ages having a great time. One Cardinals fan was seated in the corner wearing a Pujols jersey, and was rumored to have taken the same seat during the ALCS to root for the Yankees.

Mike's cheap beer and pizza, along with the boisterous crowd, created a near-perfect World Series experience for my friends and I. Besides, what could be better than the sweet taste of long-awaited glory? (Cost, no matter the year: invaluable.)

Travel back to ancient China at the PEM in Salem

BY SARA LUDOVISE
Daily Editorial Board

A journey back to ancient China now requires a trip no farther than a stone's throw away to Salem,

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where two recent exhibits allow visitors to step back in time to the days of the Qing dynasty.

The Peabody Essex Museum (PEM) is the oldest continuously operating museum in the nation. Since it was founded in 1799, it has been renowned for its art collection, but in recent years, it has gained recognition for its permanent exhibitions of Asian art.

Recent additions have brought even more accolades to the PEM. Along with its nationally recognized Yin Yu Tang House, a reconstructed Chinese dwelling that was recently opened to the public, visitors to the museum can take a unique peek at ancient Buddhist artwork in "Carved by Nature," a new temporary exhibit that explores Chinese wood carvings and paintings.

When first approached, the museum seems out of place in the narrow Salem streets. The Chinese house within its grounds appears as a moment preserved in time.

The Yin Yu Tang house was originally located in the southern Anhui province of China, in a small village called Huang Cun. It dates back to the days of the early Qing dynasty and was inhabited by members of the Huang family until their last descendants abandoned it in 1982.

A representative of PEM discovered the building in 1996. Soon afterwards, plans were made to deconstruct it and

transport it thousands of miles to Boston, where it would be reassembled within the grounds of the museum.

The building, which wasn't finally reconstructed until 2003, is fascinating not just because of its beautiful architecture and intricate decoration, but because of what it communicates about ancient Chinese culture. Much of the house architecture reflects Chinese beliefs and superstitions. Even before construction on it began, the architects took care to make sure that its design would bring peace and prosperity to those who lived inside it.

The dwelling was constructed according to the principles of *feng shui*, a Chinese system of orientation that is supposed to bring a building into a harmonious relationship with its environment. The direction that the house faces, the way it interacts with the landscape, and even the decoration on its pillars all work together in order to create a sense of balance with the five elements of air, water, wood, fire, and earth.

Coins were buried inside stone columns in order to bring prosperity to the household and a pair of chopsticks was hidden against the ridgepole tile in order to ensure fecundity for future generations. A "spirit wall," which intended to make it harder for evil spirits to enter the dwelling, was built directly behind the front door in order to ensure that anyone entering the house had to step to the side.

The house itself is an architectural wonder. Sloping roofs ensure that water pours into the courtyard during rainstorms and the entire building is oriented around two rectangular fish ponds that were used to store fresh fish in preparation for banquets.

Both inside and out, the preserved decoration is exquisite. Paintings of colorful birds and flow-

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Oh, the melodrama! More sun and sex on the real fake Laguna Beach.

The delightfully soap-opradic ups and downs of 'The O.C.' continue in Season 2

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to the O.C.?" but "How did nerdy intellectual Seth make such a grievous cartographical error?"

There should also be a resolution to the Theresa and Ryan parenthood arc soon — word has it that Theresa will miscarry — and maybe an explanation as to why Kirsten acted unusually empathetic when Theresa was considering an abortion. The show will also introduce new love interests for each of the four main characters and have hot "It" bands (the kind music fan Seth would love) like the Killers and Modest Mouse play at Sandy's and Jimmy's restaurant — a "Peach Pit"-style place called "The Bait Shop."

This season, "The O.C."

moves to Thursdays at 8 p.m. (previously taken by "Friends") but viewers who used to breeze into Greenwich Village every week should have no trouble changing their tune from "I'll be there for you" to "California, here we come."

Though "The O.C." often falls into "guilty pleasure" territory, it's aware of it.

The show got off to a rocky start ("Welcome to the O.C., b**ch!") but hit its stride once producers realized they could get away with basically anything, no matter how implau-

sible. In fact, the less believable the episodes became, the more the public ate it up. MTV even created "Laguna Beach," a reality TV show with the subtitle "The Real Orange County."

On "Laguna Beach," a spring break trip to Mexico results in a jealous boy calling his ex-girlfriend a slut for dancing with another boy.

On "The O.C.," the Mexico trip has Marissa see her ex-boyfriend Luke (Chris Carmack) dancing with another girl, leave the club in tears, binge on alcohol and pills, collapse in an alley, and end up in rehab where a fellow patient becomes obsessed with her and eventually holds her hostage in a hotel room as he threatens to commit suicide.

Ah, fiction.

Hillel encourages on-campus art with new amateur exhibit

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Hirsch and Baldinger asked for submissions in September, then reviewed the pieces that were submitted to determine which ones best fit their theme of peace.

"We wanted to include as many artists as possible, so as long as we felt that their work fit within our context of religious peace and serenity," Baldinger said. "We tried to reach as broad a base as we could and we were actually able to accept pieces from every artist who submitted to us."

The pieces in the exhibit represent as broad range of mediums as they do topics. Oil paintings, photographs, and collages are all on display, and their subject matters, diverse as they are, all reflect the original theme of expressing religious serenity.

Though some of the artwork can be tied to a specific religion or ethnicity, much of it is universal. Hirsch said that he hoped that the different subject matters created something of a dialogue between the different pieces.

"Each individual artist brings something different to the table," he explained. "There are definitely pieces that have more of a Jewish perspective, that speak to Jewish ideals, and some speak to a more Indian religion. The whole point is to see the different perspectives."

Baldinger also said that she hoped that the exhibit would help

student artists and student musicians connect to the rest of the Tufts community, as well as exposing the rest of the campus to their artwork and music.

"Art is not a major focus [on campus]," Baldinger said. "Since we're putting on our exhibit through Hillel, we have a religious focus, and we want people to think about art in religion and art as a way to express religion, even if it's not the way that you might usually do it if you're not an artist."

The reception tonight will showcase a different sort of religious dialogue. Student musicians will be performing pieces that tie into the exhibit's overall theme all evening long, and visitors will be invited to partake in appetizers as they browse through the artwork that is on display.

"Art, like writing, like everything else, is a fantastic communicator," Hirsch stated enthusiastically. "Any time there's a way that we can use a different medium to communicate our ideas, why shouldn't we take advantage of that?"

"A Lens Toward Peace: An Expression of Religious Serenity and Harmony" will be on display in the Slater Concourse Gallery at the Aidekman Arts Center through Dec. 19. An opening reception will be held to night at 8 p.m. in the Concourse Gallery.

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Joint ventures between groups aim to break cliqueness

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goes both ways."

Dormon also suggested that it was the role itself that led to a lack of turnout. "I personally wouldn't want to play that as an actor. Barbara explained that she couldn't do color-blind casting, [because the show is historical]. But, the roles didn't help."

There hasn't always been such a metaphorical blackout of assimilation on the Tufts stage.

Gerald Gill, a Tufts professor specializing in African American history, believes the most successful show ever to be produced at Tufts was the racially diverse production of "The Wiz" in the late '80s.

The simple math of the number of minority students at Tufts also plays a part in who auditions. According to Gill, there are only 120 black male students on campus.

"A lot of times, if you're a minority, there's a stigma [that] you have to go out for things," said senior Andrew Lannaman, a black actor. "But then, you might not want to go out and that's OK too."

Yet as recently as last December, a joint venture between the Bare Bodkin Theater Company and the Black Theater Company infused a new kind of diversity into the Tufts stage with its production of "In the Blood," directed by now-senior Marc Frost.

Lannaman, who acted in "In the Blood," also said that the lack of interested students in "Parade" related directly to the role being offered to them.

"The director came into Gospel Choir and said she needed a black actor and I was interested. But after hearing about the role, it turned me off. I wouldn't feel comfortable playing that part and the other people I talked to didn't either."

"If someone is going to be that ridiculous, at least have [the audience] associate it with someone who's not part of the student body," he said.

Cepero, on the other hand, saw the role in "Parade" as an opportunity. "I thought it was a really interesting and

intense role. I don't think we're portraying the entire black community." It is a person, he said, "not just a black person."

The "Parade" casting problem is not an isolated incident. Last winter's show, "A Piece of My Heart" directed by drama professor Sheridan Thomas, encountered similar casting hurdles when the show called for a strong black actress to play a non-stereotypical Vietnam veteran. Extra efforts were needed then as well, to mobilize black students to audition.

“ [A]fter hearing about the role, it turned me off. I wouldn't feel comfortable playing that part and the other people I talked to didn't either. ”

Andrew Lannaman
Senior

Alum Jeffrey Brea (LA '04), a theater major of African and Latino descent, sees the lack of minorities in department shows as a self-perpetuating cycle.

"I know I was frustrated by the lack of black and Latino actors who auditioned for plays," said Brea.

He feels that the lack of diversity in Tufts shows could be a reflection of the shortage of diverse actors. "I wouldn't be surprised if the drama department didn't do a show that required a large black cast, because they currently struggle right now to find one black actor who can sing, one black actress."

One part of that cycle is that some minority students feel that there is only outreach from the department to them when there is a specific race-related role that needs to be filled.

"With 'A Piece of my Heart' those e-mails went around too, but they don't come out when it's a just regular play,"

said Elaina Mends, treasurer of the Black Theater Company.

Grossman said that, generally, the Department doesn't send out e-mails to any groups, but that in the future it would.

Frost thinks a more active role on the part of the faculty could bring about greater dialogue and results in the future. "At the end of the day it is their responsibility to support [this]. It means being in conversation with the students. They're open to it if you go and ask them, but they don't necessarily reach out as a whole."

The pool of actors auditioning for Department shows is often interchangeable with those auditioning for the main non-specific student theater group on campus, Pen Paint and Pretzels (3P's). The fact that this group lacks any noticeable diversity plays an unavoidable role in the general absence of actors of color represented in the theater scene.

Frost believes that the Bare Bodkin Theatre Company overcame the stigma of clique-ness often associated with 3P's by breaking outside the mold. "We want to be a theater company that crosses borders."

For 'In the Blood' we wanted to open the door to other opportunities for people who wouldn't normally come to audition and be involved."

Frost feels that everyone in the theater community is aware of the lack or racial diversity. Campus theater groups working together more would do a lot to resolve the problem, he said. "Then people will start to feel comfortable auditioning for more shows."

3P's treasurer Andrew Beattie also says that group cooperation would promote a change in the current situation where groups self-separate. "It's a Tufts-wide problem. We have a lot of diversity at the school, but not a lot of crossover between groups. Working together, doing more joint productions between groups would yield more diversity. We're scraping the bottom of the barrel for what we can find with all the different groups."

Discover ancient China in Salem

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ers adorn the doorways, and carved phoenixes and ducks hang over the main entrance.

The four courtyard pillars are decorated along their bases with beautifully carved flowers, each one intended to represent a different season. Lattice windows, their decoration carefully arranged to mirror longevity symbols or to spell out Chinese words like "ping" ("peace") frame the courtyard itself, all the while covered with delicate dragons and interwoven floral designs.

"Carved by Nature: Untamed Traditions in Chinese Decorative Art" is a special exhibition scheduled to remain at the PEM through June 2005. It includes over 40 pieces of Chinese artwork, most of which were originally carved from the gnarled wood of trees.

The objects on display in the exhibit come from all walks of life; some date as far back as the Ming Dynasty of the 14th century. Decorative pieces, sculptures, and even bits of furniture all exemplify the often odd relationship in Chinese culture between their affinity for nature as well as their stress on the idea of opulence.

Etched into delicately carved chairs sit Buddhist monks and holy men, peacefully discussing poetry and philosophy. Young women daydream under drooping willow trees, as they're rowed down a peaceful stream on the back of a bamboo river boat.

Both the Yin Yu Tang house and the "Carved by Nature" exhibit convey a sense of what it must have been like to live in ancient China. The peaceful, harmonious nature of the artwork and architecture speak of a time when deadlines were non-existent, and when contemplation on the nature of a gnarled tree was considered equal to a great work of art.

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EDITORIAL

Constitutionally troubling

By now everyone knows the big news from Tuesday's election: President Bush will continue to be our president for the next four years. What we must not overlook in the process of analyzing the minutiae of the election is the 11 anti-gay marriage amendments that passed by state referenda across the country.

These referenda raise serious concerns about America's commitment to the protection of minority groups and raise the specter of a tyrannous majority ruling this great nation.

From Georgia to Kentucky to Ohio to Oregon, measures amending state constitutions to exclude gays from marriage were approved by voters. The measure that won by the largest margin was Mississippi's, which passed with 86 percent of the vote, but even that with the smallest margin passed comfortably, with Oregon's measure getting 57 percent.

Many citizens would ask why they should be troubled by this, as most believe that marriage is indeed an insti-

tution that is reserved to people of the opposite sex. Most people get married within a religious institution, and most religions do not allow homosexual unions. Why should any heterosexual be concerned?

There are several reasons why amending state constitutions to specifically exclude homosexuals from marriage is a bad idea. We simply cannot amend constitutions to exclude groups who are too small in number to muster the electoral strength to win at the polls. Amendments that specifically deny rights to certain groups are not healthy for democracy and are not keeping with the true spirit of American tolerance and inclusion.

Many argue that religious interpretations of marriage make it impossible for the vast majority of Americans to accept gay marriage as reality. What they fail to take into account, however, is that it is not the state's job to enforce specific religious norms. Without these constitutional amendments religions would still be free to do as they please; with them, how-

ever, religions and pastors that allowed gay marriage are now intruded upon by the state.

This is a very real issue for the LGBT community and their families and friends. Imagine not being able to bring your child to the hospital because your partner, and not yourself, was the legal guardian of the child. Just such a thing happened to Massachusetts state Senator Jarrett Barrios, who told on the Senate floor of standing and arguing with nurses while his son screamed in agony.

The portrait painted by Senator Barrios is horrifying, but it is unfortunately one of a plethora of problems all too common for homosexuals in long term relationships. Our American ideal should not be the systematic exclusion of certain groups from the opportunities and rights afforded to all others in our society. The tyranny of the majority might be compatible with the democratic process, but we must never forget that it is, first and foremost, tyranny.

WAYNE STAYSKAL



OFF THE HILL EDITORIAL | CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY - LONG BEACH

A reward or a punishment?

BY THE DAILY FORTY-NINER

(U-WIRE) LONG BEACH, Calif. — The polls strongly point to another term in office for President Bush.

We don't know what Bush's next four years will look like, but we hope they will be better than the four he has presided over so far.

Fond memories of Bush's strength in the aftermath of Sept. 11 and fear that Sen. John Kerry would be weak on terrorism may be likely causes for Bush's victory, but it does not mean Americans are blind to his failings. Osama bin Laden is still at large, Iraq is in turmoil and our massive federal deficit seems unlikely to shrink anytime soon.

Bush's approval rating was at or near its lowest point throughout the last weeks of his re-election campaign, indicating that Americans have been increasingly unhappy with his performance, despite his bravado and overly optimistic view on the war in

Iraq and the United States' unimpressive economic growth.

Americans may be unwilling to change leaders in the middle of a war, but Bush will begin his second term with a still-divided public and a still-divided world. Perhaps a second term for Bush will be more a punishment for his mistakes than a reward for his performance, as he will not be able to leave what he has damaged for Kerry to repair.

Whether Bush is looked on favorably by the history books will depend on whether he is willing in his second term to take the necessary measures to secure Iraq, rather than leave it in chaos, and to bring our traditional allies back to his side to help with the many challenges America will face in the next four years.

He will also need to bring Americans together again. We have become so polarized in recent years that recent polls have shown a majority of Americans would not support the legit-

imacy of the presidential candidate they opposed should he win. Not all of this is Bush's fault, but his stubbornness, his hubris and his efforts to appeal to the base of his party have created a great deal of resentment among many moderates and liberals. It will be his responsibility in the next four years to do everything possible to reconcile with these Americans. We hope he remembers that he is responsible for leading the entire country, not just one half of it.

Notwithstanding his faults, we urge our readers to respect Bush's legitimacy in his second term. America has spoken. Not all of us agree with the result, but our nation needs to pull itself back together again. Respect for the office of the presidency demands that we show its current occupant that we acknowledge his leadership, even as we criticize it.

And in the next four years, we imagine Bush will give us plenty of opportunity for that.

OFF THE HILL | UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-ARLINGTON

Just who is it that needs to be saved?

BY JAMES GALLINI
The Shorthorn

(U-WIRE) ARLINGTON, Texas — I've heard it said from the time I was a child that my generation was going to inherit a mess.

What kind of parent am I that I can say to my children so casually that they will inherit this mess? Am I not helping to create and perpetuate it by pretending to ignore it? Isn't my inaction giving tacit approval to the direction this nation is going? It is incredible how selfish we have become. We as Americans look at ourselves as being picked upon in the world. We have yet to look at ourselves and see how people across the globe see us. A great nation is never destroyed by an outside force—it is destroyed from within. Before we prance around the globe trying to convert everyone to secular democracy, we should really consider what we're peddling and how presumptuous it is to think everyone needs saving except us.

Our corporations don't need us. They outsource our jobs and have decimated our blue collar workforce of factory producers. They only need your money. Free trade has failed this nation.

Our government doesn't need us. It only needs you as a taxpayer so it can spend your money as it sees fit. The independent citizen is an enemy to our government. It only wants you if you are an interest group, victim or dependent upon government handouts. You are only needed as a number, stat or figure, color, gender or persuasion.

Our culture does not need us. It does not care what offends you or what effect its unrestrained behavior has on our children. Celebrities flaunt their depravity, hold beliefs that exist on the fringe of decency and live in an excess unappreciated. Single motherhood is revered in Hollywood because it's a ton easier when you have a few million dollars and a nanny. Adultery and failed marriages are the norm. Celebrities preach things like environmentalism but ride in limousines that get 7 mpg and live in 10,000 square foot homes that require 10 times the resources you need.

In their gated communities, they are safe from the effects of their examples and lifestyles. It has never crossed any of their small minds that they have a heavy responsibility in creating this cultural mess and our current status in the world.

Our religions do not need us. Christianity has become a coward religion, retreating from every assault the political left has inflicted on it. It is like the beaten housewife that threatens to leave — if it happens again. It has become a religion of entertainment abandoning substance, principle and morality for money and emotional music. And you are needed for your monetary contribution to the church.

Once we have come to terms with the fact that our money is all that we are needed for, we can begin to see the power within our grasp. It is simple to reclaim your country and our future — close your wallet.

I refuse to buy stock in corporations that do not invest in American workers, and I have closed every credit account that uses outsourced customer service and accounting. Identity theft is growing, and when customer support is shipped overseas, so is your personal information. We have rights that protect us, and they end when your vital information crosses the borders. Think about that.

Celebrities are out of touch with reality, and I refuse to subsidize their tantrums with my money. If this is all I am to the pop culture and my opinion matters not, then I'll just keep it in my pocket. Hollywood will listen when they're not getting enough of our money.

I am an independent. The Republicans and Democrats are misguided and equally responsible for our state in the world. Our roads are in disrepair, our public schools are self-esteem-building idiot factories, and the

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OFF THE HILL | KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Dear Mr. President ...

Having won the American presidency, it is your duty and obligation as commander-in-chief to make the Iraq transfer of power and development a successful one and as peaceful as possible.

It is not just American soldiers at risk, but also America's reputation. The November-December issue of "Foreign Affairs" illustrates that without a successful transition in Iraq, America's international reputation would be destroyed.

America needs to be able to lead the world to ensure our security against terror and further our businesses' opportunities through trade agreements, never mind needing our prestige and others' trust in dealing with such problems as nuclear proliferation.

The situation in Iraq is better than it was last month. However, it is still far from where it needs to be.

The most immediate concern is security. Without the people feeling safe, democracy is impossible, and commerce cannot commence.

If America fails in delivering peace, Iraqis will seek another security source, possibly choosing to fight for militias believing once America leaves, peace will reign.

Winning the hearts and minds is often the most important step. According to the November issue of the "Washington Report" on Middle East Affairs, only 2 percent of Iraqis trust the American forces.

To help establish peace, America must capture these hearts and minds, and encourage them to trust our mission, even to convince them to help us. One way to help swing them to our side is to do our best to protect Iraqi civilian life.

The Nov. 1 issue of the London Guardian looks to a recent Lancet Medical Journal, which estimated nearly 100,000 Iraqi civilians have died since March 2003.

While U.S. and U.K. sources claim that number is far too high, government sources claim about 15,000 men and women have died.

While everyone is sure our armed forces and allies take great care in reducing collateral damage, it is perceived often that Americans do not. For instance, as the Los Angeles Times noted on Nov. 1, when we launch an air strike in Baghdad or Fallujah, while it may not be true, it appears the strikes kill as many civilians as terrorists.

Mr. President, as long as we launch air strikes, it will be perceived by Iraqis and the world that we are killing civilians as well. As long as it appears to the Iraqis we are killing them, to what end should they help us?

Mr. President, stop launching air strikes. The strikes are prohibitive to our cause and mission.

Mr. President, we also need to help give them jobs. While America has gone to long measures to get the oil flowing, we also need to give aid to the individual Iraqis so they can restart their own lives.

NPR explained on Oct. 17 that of the 32 billion dollars pledged to support Iraqi reconstruction, only 2 billion dollars was collected and sent. We need to finish the deal.

Mr. President, you have the confidence and support of the American people. Having won the election, use your four years to help us, by making sure the Iraqi transition occurs as peacefully and successfully as possible.

Sincerely,
Chaz Steimel, Kansas State Collegian

Why we lost

BY JAKE RESNICOW

After pouring hours, sleepless nights, and nonstop months into the 2004 presidential campaign, I sit back and ponder ... Why did Kerry lose?

You can blame Walden O'Dell, a GOP fundraiser and the CEO of Diebold (whose voting machines are used in Ohio), who promised to deliver Ohio to Bush. You can blame the Republicans who went to polling locations to "challenge" voters' right to vote (in addition to the hours and hours people waited to simply cast their vote). You can even blame the Swifties.

If the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth

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have taught us anything, it's that the credibility of an accuser is less important than the explosiveness of the charge.

The thing is: I don't ask why Bush won. The war, the economy, and Bush's own mediocre campaign made this Kerry's election to lose.

When Bush would deliver simple, short speeches, Kerry would go on into great detail to a point where no one could remember what he was talking about. Do you remember when Kerry tried to explain his stance on abortion during the second debate?

Still, Bush turned the national surplus built on fiscal responsible policies, into the largest deficit in our nation's history.

He dipped into the Social Security trust fund, using billions to keep the budget from looking even worse than it

already is. His own education reform bill is woefully under-funded, millions of more Americans don't have healthcare.

The economy is in the trenches; we've lost 1.6 million jobs in the U.S. in the past three years. He rushed to war with Iraq built on lies and deception — and Cheney still parades himself in the media, calling it a "great success."

Yes, you can call my rambling spin and democratic rhetoric, but truth remains that Bush entered the November with one of the lowest approval ratings at under 46 percent, according to an ABC News poll.

Still, how did Kerry lose?

To me, it comes down to salesmanship. Which candidate would you rather drink a beer with? Seriously speaking,

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Time to wake up, fellow Americans

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only answers both parties come up with involve spending more of our money. It's amazing what a nasty e-mail will do, en masse, for your representatives. They tend to listen when they know you're watching.

You are only needed as a number, stat or figure, color, gender or persuasion.

I believe in Christian ethics and morals. They are the foundation upon which our culture was built. I tend to hold an avid disdain for the business side of Christianity. When the income of ministers is dependent upon a sinful congregation living in an overly-sensitive nation

steeped in 30 years of moral relativism, they tend to sell out and preach "Jesus lite." They are afraid to get involved and fight the wrong the pop culture considers right. They tend to support more liberal social causes instead of encouraging their flock to "love thy neighbor, feed the poor and heal the sick." Christ never preached that government "good will" would replace personal responsibility to act.

We do matter. There is a purpose for all of us, and we have allowed too many individuals to assume control over our lives. Wake up, rub the intellectual laziness from your eyes, and begin to live free. Punish those who have discarded you, trivialized you and discount your resolve by strategic monetary boycotts. When you do so, always send an e-mail or letter telling them why you are no longer happy in this lop-sided relationship. You will be respected, and change will occur.

Failure of Kerry communications PR department one reason for lost election

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most Americans prefer a president who struggles in pronouncing the word "nuclear" and maybe screws up every now and then.

While this shouldn't be reasoning behind who should be selected as the Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces and principal defender of your nation, the 2004 Election indicates otherwise.

Moreover, Kerry's public relations and communications department failed miserably. They were unable to dispute Bush's wild criticisms and capitalize on the President's blunders. Many Americans polled after the first Presidential Debate were shocked to see Kerry was able to produce a clear, coherent sentence — as they had conceptualized him as an incredible

flip-flopper.

I do feel that Kerry over-emphasized the need for strong alliances with foreign allies; Americans are more interested in maximum safety from terrorism.

Notwithstanding, this was Kerry's election to lose; and his mediocrity and communications team's inability to project a consistent image to the American people significantly contributed to the current state of affairs.

Many supporters are justified in feeling alarmed for the potential ramifications of this election. Keep a close eye on the Supreme Court and the national deficit (as another 70 billion dollar cut is expected to be proposed to a Republican Senate and House of Representatives).

Anyone else considering going abroad for longer than a semester?

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Bush enters the next term with a strong mandate

BY MARK SILVA
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Reconfirmed to lead a nation facing a dangerous era abroad and a divided society at home, President Bush will enter his second term with an historic opportunity to pursue his agenda — but also to reunite his enemies.

In winning re-election, with both a clear majority and a record number in the popular vote, Bush has a strengthened political ally in Congress with a bolstered Republican majority. This could enable Bush to both enact new policies and deliver on unfulfilled promises of his first term.

Yet Bush also will lead an electorate more polarized than ever, and the passions of this election are likely to smolder for months to come.

In addition, he faces a challenge of repairing international allegiances riven with a largely unilateral foreign policy, bringing to justice the terrorists who attacked New York City and the Pentagon and resolving the protracted conflict in Iraq while fulfilling the promise of free elections there.

Unlike his father, popular at war but burdened with a slumping economy, Bush has won a chance to finish what he started. Bush is, in the words of long-time friend and former aide Joe Allbaugh, “a president comfortable in his own skin,” and his re-election should make him more confident in the power of his own personal persuasion.

“A new term is a new opportunity to reach out to the whole nation,” Bush said Wednesday, accepting his re-election with an appeal to the nearly half of all voters who supported Democrat John Kerry.

Bush has a stated second-term agenda of simplifying the federal tax code, winning private retirement savings accounts for younger workers,

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Unity ‘for the good of our nation’



CHUCK KENNEDY/KRT

Democratic Presidential Candidate John Kerry concedes the 2004 election to President George Bush at Faneuil Hall in Boston, Massachusetts, yesterday. In a phone call to Bush earlier in the day, Kerry called him an ‘honorable and worthy opponent.’

BY THOMAS FITZGERALD
Knight Ridder Newspapers

BOSTON — Staring at the mathematical certainty of defeat in Ohio, Sen. John Kerry bowed out of a bitter race for the White House yesterday with a plea for a divided nation to “begin the healing.”

In a five-minute phone call shortly after 11 a.m. EST, Kerry congratulated President Bush and spoke of his hopes to unify the country, aides said.

Bush called the Democrat an “honorable and worthy opponent.”

Speaking several hours later in Boston’s historic Faneuil Hall, where he began his campaign for president more than two years ago, Kerry said “the fight goes on” for the ideals of equality and economic justice, but that it was more important now to “bridge the partisan divide” than to pursue a legal challenge destined to fail.

“We are required now to

work for the good of our nation,” Kerry said, his voice hoarse. “In the days ahead we must find common cause ... without remorse or recrimination, without anger or rancor. America is in need of unity and longing for a larger message of compassion.”

Kerry decided not to challenge the results in Ohio, where a narrow margin of victory for Bush and thousands of uncounted ballots seemed for a while to offer an opening. Kerry held firm to his decision

despite pleas from some of his lawyers, who’d already drawn up petitions.

That decision, which aides said Kerry made at about 10 a.m. EST after a final review of numbers from 10 Ohio counties that had yet to report the number of provisional ballots cast, headed off a potential replay of the 2000 election, which was in limbo for 36 days until the U.S. Supreme Court halted recounts in Florida.

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Obama seeks to downplay expectations

BY DAVID MENDELL
Knight Ridder Newspapers

CHICAGO — An exhausted Barack Obama, who worked overtime to fan the flames of celebrity in his Democratic U.S. Senate campaign, spent his first day as Senator-elect Wednesday struggling to downplay his political star power and the great expectations that flow from it.

Obama has not yet served a single day in the Senate. But he is already the focus of intense speculation about presidential aspirations thanks to a blowout victory Tuesday over Republican Alan Keyes that will make Obama the Senate’s only African-American member.

On Wednesday, Obama declared flatly that he would not run on a national party ticket in 2008 — and he lectured reporters to stop asking him about it.

Instead, the 43-year-old Democrat stressed repeatedly that his only goals as a freshman senator would be to deliver a better standard of living for the voters of Illinois and figure out how to navigate the Capitol.

“I am not running for president. I am not running for president in four years. I am not running for president in 2008,” said an emphatic Obama, still battling the remnants of a cold and operating on two hours of sleep,



JOHN D. SIMMONS/KRT

Barack Obama captured 70 percent of the vote in his successful bid for a seat on the Senate.

as he met with reporters in his Chicago campaign office.

“Come on guys, the only reason I am being definitive is because until I am definitive, you will keep asking me this question. It’s a silly question,” he added. “Guys, I am a state senator. I was elected yesterday. I have never set foot in the U.S. Senate. I have never worked in Washington. And the notion that somehow I am going to start running for higher office, it just doesn’t make sense.”

“My understanding is that I will be ranked 99th in seniority. I am going to be spending the first several months of my career in

the U.S. Senate looking for the washroom and trying to figure out how the phones work.”

While Obama had scoffed at such White House talk during his campaign by calling it “media hype,” he did little behind the scenes as a candidate to discourage such speculation. On Wednesday, he said the hype needed to be “corrected.”

Democrats did well in Illinois on Election Day, but that was an exception to the national trend. With John Kerry failing to unseat President Bush, and Democrats losing ground in Congress

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Social conservatives turn out to fuel Bush, GOP victories

BY MATT STEARNS
AND CHARLES HOMANS
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Socially conservative voters had a very good Election Day, gaining ground in the Republican Party and suggesting even greater social and political impact in the future.

“This country was based on biblical principles,” said Roberta Combs, president of the Christian Coalition of America, applauding what she called the “pro-life, pro-family” Election Day victories. “This is a sign of what America used to be, and that we’re going back to where we were.”

President Bush, who’d courted social conservatives, became the first presidential candidate since 1988 to win more than 50 percent of the vote. The U.S. Senate tilted sharply right with the election of several new senators, including Tom Coburn of Oklahoma, who has advocated the death penalty for doctors who perform abortions, and Jim DeMint of South Carolina, who said pregnant single women should not be allowed to teach in public schools.

Voters in 11 states approved, mostly by large margins, consti-

tutional amendments banning gay marriage. And voters in Florida approved a ballot measure that would require a minor to notify her parents if she wanted to get an abortion.

Exit polls indicate that Christian conservatives are a big reason for those wins. About 78 percent of self-described born-again Christians voted for Bush, himself a born-again Christian. A fifth of all voters said moral values were the most important issue in the campaign, and three out of four of those voters went for Bush.

And in a year of increased turnout across the board, conservative Christians appear to have increased more than the national average, said Steve Waldman, editor-in-chief of Beliefnet, a Web site on religious issues.

“It’s clear that in key states like Ohio and Iowa, they got a strong turnout,” Waldman said. “I think the fact that the gay marriage ban was on the ballot in Ohio was a really significant factor” in drawing conservative Christians to the polls and swinging the state to Bush.

The National Rifle Association, another key stitch in

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Not enough provisional ballots to make up gap

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Ohio officials said that there were about 135,000 provisional ballots statewide that hadn't been counted. Only those cast by legitimate voters in the proper precincts would count under state law. Even if all of the ballots were accepted as valid by county elections boards, and Kerry won them all, he might not have had enough to overcome Bush's lead in Ohio, campaign manager Mary Beth Cahill said.

After conversing with campaign officials in Ohio, it became clear that there wouldn't be enough provisional ballots in those counties to make a difference, Cahill said. For one thing, not enough of them were in strong Democratic areas.

"The provisional ballots were throughout Ohio. ... There was not a concentration (in counties) that would go wholly in the Kerry campaign's favor, so he decided that was a road he didn't want to go down," Cahill said.

Inside Faneuil Hall, supporters held a wake for a candidacy that had come oh-so-close. They held

hands, wiped away tears and hugged each other tightly. Kerry was running an hour late, and the conversation rose, as it will during a wake. When Kerry's personal aide Marvin Nicholson fiddled with the TelePromoters to adjust them to the senator's 6-foot-4-inch frame, chuckles rang out and the crowd burst into chants of "Mar-vin! Mar-vin!"

"I'm sorry we got here a little bit late, and a little bit short," Kerry said, flashing a smile.

Tears flowed again as Kerry spoke.

"We've still got your back!" a man yelled at one point, using a signature line from Kerry's stump speech in the final weeks. Kerry looked up to locate the voice in the balcony. "Thank you, man," he said. "I assure you, you watch: I'll still have yours. So hang in there."

Kerry said he was sorry he couldn't "bring it home" for the thousands of people who volunteered to work on his campaign.

"Don't lose faith," he said. "What you did made a difference. Building on itself, we go on to make a difference another day. I promise you that time will come."

Dems need to refocus agenda

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the social conservative fabric, also proved its worth, spending more than \$20 million and, by its count, seeing 95 percent of its endorsed federal candidates — the majority of whom were Republicans — win election.

Now, social conservative leaders — and their opponents — expect the fight to move from the polling places to Washington.

"I think they'll turn the cultural wars nuclear," said the Rev. Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. "They certainly will feel empowered to move forward on all of their agenda."

Look for the judiciary in gen-

eral and the Supreme Court in particular to be the next battleground where social conservatives flex their muscle, several social conservative leaders said.

"I've heard commentators say Bush should pick judges who don't polarize," said Jan LaRue, chief counsel of Concerned Women for America. "Nonsense ... The president shouldn't be cutting any deals with Democrats."

LaRue said social conservatives also hope to play a role in choosing a replacement for Michael Powell as chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, and want the Justice Department to focus more energy on enforcing obscenity laws.

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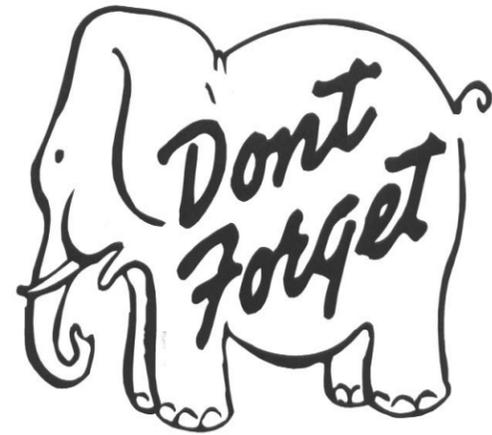
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Kenyan president congratulates Obama

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despite Obama's win, party leaders and the media will be ever more tempted to focus on Obama as someone with potential to fill the Democratic leadership void.

"No," said David Axelrod, Obama's lead campaign consultant, "I don't think we're trying to dampen expectations. We're trying to douse them. We're trying to pour as much water as we can find on them. We don't want even a smoldering ember when it comes to this. It's just not healthy for him."

Obama spent his first morning as Senator-elect briefly shaking hands outside Union Station during the rush hour. But most of it was consumed by granting interviews to a broad range of national and local media — something that will do very little to deflate the buzz he says he doesn't want.

Lowering his media profile could prove a double-edged sword for Obama, whose clout as a Senate newcomer would largely derive from the breadth of his public following.

Obama declined to dwell on his political future, saying that he and others in his party are still "trying to assess the landscape after what was admittedly a tough night for Democrats."

Democrats were already in the minority in the Senate before Tuesday, and the Republican grip on the chamber grew even stronger. Indeed, not only did Democrats lose four seats overall in the Senate, but they lost their minority leader with the reelection defeat of U.S. Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota.

This dynamic will make it more difficult for Obama to move forward on his legislative wish-list, which is topped by broadening health care coverage to more people, especially poor children.

With Bush in the White House, Obama said he might be forced to modify his health care ideas. He might now push forward with his proposal to offer tax credits to businesses for providing better health insurance, or allowing businesses to save money by joining a government-run insurance pool.

Obama stayed true to his message of building bridges between the parties. He

said his first priority would be to travel the state, seeking advice from both Democrats and Republicans on what issues matter to them. As part of that effort, he is planning a five-day tour of the state next week.

Obama captured not just national but international attention in scoring his big victory. In Kenya, where his father was a well-known politician and where election returns of the race were announced over the radio, the president sent his congratulations along.

"You have proved to be a role model not only for the American youth but the many young people in Kenya and indeed in Africa who have been following your campaigns, that exhibited a high degree of innovation, professionalism and vigor," President Mwai Kibaki said in a statement.

Obama and his staff remained mystified Wednesday that Keyes had not called to formally concede, the Democrat's aides said. Keyes made no public appearances Wednesday and neither he nor his aides could be reached for comment.

Keyes spoke to supporters Tuesday night after Obama declared victory, but the Republican did not use the appearance to acknowledge his defeat or to congratulate Obama.

"At some point you have to look at the scoreboard and you have to stand up and be a man," said Robert Gibbs, an Obama spokesman.

Obama captured 70 percent of the vote to 27 percent for Keyes. The 43-percent victory margin was a record for a Senate election in Illinois.

Before his state tour next week, Obama said he wants to spend time with his wife and two young daughters after two years on the campaign trail. He said he planned to take his wife, Michelle, to see a new film about the life of Ray Charles.

Meanwhile, Obama's advisers will be busy trying to plan his future in Washington, as well as beginning to sort through resumes to help Obama assemble a Senate staff of 50 or 60 workers.

Axelrod said Obama realizes that he will be stepping into a fiercely competitive political environment in Washington.

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Bush plans ambitious agenda during 2nd term

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improving public education and, certainly not least difficult, waging an ongoing war against international terrorism.

This president has much working for him in his second term, according to a seasoned Republican pollster, Neil Newhouse. For starters, as Bush himself said Wednesday, this was his "last campaign."

"Unencumbered by pressures of re-election, he has an opportunity to push for goals that he may have deemed too politically risky," said Newhouse of Public Opinion Strategies in Virginia.

"With GOP majorities in the House and Senate increased, he should have a little easier time getting

legislation passed," he said. "Given the Democrats' disarray, and the president's convincing win, the Democrats may lack a unifying voice or force to provide opposition."

But in order to accomplish his agenda, Bush must restore relationships in Congress shattered in an increasingly partisan rift that started with most members of the House and Senate supporting his tax cuts and education reforms and also the invasion of Iraq.

A nearly two-year election campaign for the White House among Democrats increasingly challenging Bush has replaced the early coalition-building of the Bush White House with a bunker-like relationship between Republicans and Democrats in Washington.

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Defector to N.Korea sentenced to a 30-day term

BY EMI DOI
Knight Ridder Newspapers

CAMP ZAMA, Japan — A 64-year-old American who disappeared into North Korea for four decades was sentenced yesterday to 30 days in prison for desertion, closing a Cold War mystery.

U.S. Army Sgt. Charles Jenkins also pleaded guilty to aiding the enemy by teaching English at a North Korean military school from 1981 to 1985. He was reduced in rank to private and dishonorably discharged.

The military judge, Col. Denise Vowell, recommended the jail time be suspended. If the military accepts that recommendation, Jenkins would be released from a naval facility in Yokosuka, Japan.

During the six-hour court-martial, Jenkins, a North Carolina native, and his wife, Hitomi Soga, who was kidnapped in Japan as a teenager by North Korean agents in 1978, spoke about the hard-

ship and loneliness they endured for 39 years in the isolated and repressive communist country. Jenkins wept repeatedly.

"He did not like North Korea, and I didn't, either," Soga said.

Soga testified political minders were always with them, even when they went to school or shopping. "It was as if we lived in a barbed-wire area," she said.

"One thing I know is that you don't say no to North Korea," Jenkins said.

The two met on June 30, 1980, when Soga was Jenkins' English student. He was 44 and she was 20. Both were separated from their families and lonely. They married 38 days later.

During Pyongyang, North Korea's harsh winters, electricity was shut off more than 10 days a month, Soga said.

They boiled water and used a bucket for a bath when the electricity was on, she said. When they had no heat, "we wore as many clothes as we could and crawled

under the bedding."

The couple's two North Korean-born daughters, Mika, 21, and Brinda, 19, listened from the back of the courtroom.

Jenkins was an eighth-grade dropout from Rich Square, N.C., when he joined the Army. He said in a statement read to the court he left his unit because he heard it was going to be transferred to combat in Vietnam. He said he thought North Korea would turn him over to the Soviet Union and eventually he could get home.

Jenkins said he set out before light in extreme cold, after a night in which he drank 10 cans of beer out of fear and nervousness.

"I just wanted to go home," he said in a statement read to the court by his military defense lawyer, Capt. Jimmie Culp.

"I knew what I was doing, but I didn't know the future ahead of me," Jenkins said.

In North Korea, he appeared in propa-

ganda films, playing an American in at least one anti-U.S. movie.

He pleaded not guilty to encouraging others to desert and making disloyal statements, and those charges were dropped.

Most Japanese feel sympathy for Jenkins and his wife and daughters. The kidnapping of Soga and other Japanese to North Korea is a deeply emotional issue in Japan.

North Korea in 2002 returned five Japanese it had abducted decades earlier, including Soga. She went to her homeland and stayed there.

Jenkins and his daughters left North Korea in July. He turned himself into U.S. military personnel on Sept. 11 and has been working as a clerk at Camp Zama, an American base outside Tokyo, earning \$3,300 a month.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi repeatedly asked the United States to treat Jenkins leniently and allow him to live in freedom with his family.

World reaction to election results mixed

BY TOM HUNDLEY
Knight Ridder Newspapers

LONDON — It was their election too. Even though the rest of the world didn't have a say in the outcome of the U.S. presidential election, it surely had a stake in it.

Newspapers from around the world dispatched their reporters to the battleground states of Ohio, Florida and Pennsylvania.

On Tuesday night and well into yesterday, broadcasters in Britain, France and Japan covered the election as if it were their own.

"A Day That Will Decide the Fate of the World" declared the banner headline in the Independent, a British Daily.

But as the day came and went with George W. Bush seemingly elected, but the outcome in Ohio still in doubt, news of the American election again became a lesson in the arcana of foreign civics, with announcers trying to explain not just the Electoral College but also Ohio's provisional ballots.

The Japanese found the concept particularly obscure because they don't have voter registration. Everyone automatically receives a voter card at age 20 in the form of a national identification card, or *koseki*.

"In America," one television announcer explained with wry surprise, "they don't have the *koseki* system."

While American voters made their choice based on any number of issues ranging from the state of the economy and the war on terror to gay marriage and abortion rights, for the rest of the world there was only one real issue: President Bush.

In Europe especially, but also in the Middle East, Africa and much of Asia, Bush is the most disliked and discounted American leader since the United States emerged as a dominant world power early in the 20th Century. His victory produced a sense of gloom and foreboding.

"For those who are great admirers of America, it's a sad day; it's like a death in the

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Political risks aside, Bush to move quickly in Iraq

BY JONATHAN LANDAY
AND HANNAH ALLAM
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — President Bush's re-election gives him greater freedom of action in Iraq, and he's expected to move quickly to try to stabilize the country, beginning with a major assault on Sunni Muslim insurgents.

The new approach is fraught with risks, and it could take Bush a large part — perhaps all — of his second term, billions more taxpayers' dollars and more American lives to put Iraq on a path toward peace and begin a U.S. troop withdrawal.

"This is only the first stage of a very long process that will likely take years," said Michael Eisenstadt, an analyst at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. "We should lower our expectations for any rapid successes."

In Iraq yesterday, a roadside bomb killed an American soldier, three headless bodies were dumped under a bridge, and gunmen seized at least five more foreign workers. More than 1,100 Americans and thousands of Iraqis have been killed in the war.

But Bush no longer has to weigh the political risks of the Iraq war.

"We had to stop some operations until the [U.S.] elections were over," said a senior Iraqi Defense Ministry official who requested anonymity because



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Members of the Fallujah liaison team work in spite of the battle. The liaison office is now more an outpost in enemy territory than the outreach center it was intended to be.

he's not an authorized spokesman. "The Iraqi government requested support from the American side in the past, but the Americans were reluctant to launch military operations because they were worried about American public opinion. Now, their hands are free."

In his victory speech yesterday,

Bush was optimistic.

"We'll help the emerging democracies of Iraq and Afghanistan so they can grow in strength and defend their freedom, and then our servicemen and women will come home with the honor they have earned," he said.

"The president is in a stronger

position," Hoshiyar Zebari, the foreign minister of the U.S.-backed interim Iraqi government, said in Baghdad. "What he's doing here is right and just. We just need to complete the mission."

The resistance is believed to involve up to 20,000 fighters and

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Pyongyang to be pressed on missing 10 Japanese in bilateral talks

Knight Ridder Newspapers

TOKYO — The Japanese government plans to pressure Pyongyang during the third round of bilateral working-level talks for more information on the fate or whereabouts of 10 Japanese believed to have been abducted by North Korea.

Both nations agreed Tuesday to hold the talks in Pyongyang from Nov. 9 to 12.

The government also revealed that North Korea submitted new evidence late last month concerning the 10 Japanese who Pyongyang has said have died or never entered the country.

But a government official said the documentation was no more than a first step.

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi told reporters Tuesday evening: "Japan has urged North Korea for a sincere response. I heard that North Korea will continue its investigation. So I want the delegates to push for progress during the meeting."

In late October, North Korea handed over a

photo and the passport of Keiko Arimoto and video footage of medical records said to be of Megumi Yokota—two of the missing Japanese—to the Japanese Embassy in Beijing.

But government officials voiced doubts over the authenticity of the documents. A senior Foreign Ministry official said the medical records "can't be verified because the video was unclear."

"The submission was no more than a delayed answer to Japan's request from the previous round of the working-level talks," the official said, adding, "It's too early to judge whether North Korea is sincere about the issue."

North Korea has told Japanese negotiators that members of its committee investigating the fate or whereabouts of the 10 will attend the third round of talks.

The Japanese negotiators want to deal directly with the committee to arrange interviews and fact-finding visits within North

Korea.

Based on lessons from the previous two rounds of working-level talks, which did not produce any positive results, the government has drastically changed its approach.

The government upgraded the rank of its chief negotiator from deputy director general level to director general level, and appointed Mitoji Yabunaka, director general of the ministry's Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, to head the delegation.

For the first time, seven officials from the National Police Agency will join the delegation, which will consist of 15 or more officials, including members of the Cabinet Secretariat's office.

The government plans to tell Pyongyang that if no progress is made in the talks, pressure from the Japanese public on North Korea will intensify.

If North Korea does not reply satisfactorily before Nov. 12, the government plans to demand that negotiations be further extended.

Bush expected to move quickly on Iraq issue

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100,000 supporters led by former Saddam Hussein regime officials, Islamic fundamentalists and Iraqi nationalists.

U.S. and Iraqi government forces have been building up for a drive to seize Fallujah, Ramadi and other insurgent-held towns and cities in the region northwest of Baghdad. The area is dominated by minority Sunni Muslims, who formed the bedrock of Saddam's regime. Fallujah is run by guerrillas and dotted with safe houses of men associated with the al Qaeda terror network of Osama bin Laden.

"The election makes no difference for us in Fallujah," said Abdullah Abdulkarim, 34, who said he was willing to fight to defend his city. "Both candidates will act the same towards Fallujah because they consider us terrorists."

After the military secures Fallujah and the other towns,

the strategy calls for holding elections for a national assembly by Jan. 31. The assembly would choose a transitional government and draft a new constitution.

“ This is only the first stage of a very long process that will likely take years. We should lower our expectations for any rapid successes. ”

Michael Eisenstadt
Analyst, Washington Institute for Near East Policy

The military operation needs to happen quickly to allow time for Sunni emotions to cool. Civilian casualties could be

high, making it difficult for Iraqi leaders to persuade the Sunnis to participate in elections.

Sunnis make up about 20 percent of Iraq's population of 26 million. Their participation in the election is essential to crippling the insurgency. If they don't participate, they would view the transitional government — controlled by majority Shiite Muslims and minority Kurds — as illegitimate.

Sunnis will not abide the presence of U.S. troops, experts said. And the Pentagon is anxious to limit the exposure of American soldiers to attacks.

But experts questioned whether inexperienced Iraqi security forces, which are believed to be penetrated by the resistance, can prevent insurgents from reasserting control of Sunni population centers. Guerrillas grabbed Fallujah in April after the Bush administration ordered a halt to a U.S. Marine offensive on the city.

U.S. efforts fail to win Iraqi hearts and minds

BY TOM LASSETER
Knight Ridder Newspapers

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq — A group of U.S. Marines at the Fallujah Liaison Team headquarters were busy talking this week about their hopes for reconstruction when two 60 mm mortar rounds landed across the street, exploding loudly.

A barrage of American artillery fired in response, roaring and booming.

Everyone ran inside a low concrete building, and sat in silence, waiting to see if more mortar rounds were on the way.

And that was the end, for a while, of discussions about rebuilding Fallujah.

With Marines gearing up for an all-out assault to retake the city from rebel fighters, the liaison team's headquarters near the city are a stark reminder of the failed plans Americans have had, since the war's early days, to win this area.

When the Marines arrived in Fallujah last March, they planned to win hearts and minds by learning Iraqi customs, sipping tea with local leaders and handing out candy and soccer balls while on foot patrol.

But the liaison office is now more an outpost in enemy territory than the outreach center it was intended to be.

Guards looking through binoculars can see the blue-domed mosque and minarets down the road. But the compound is surrounded by high walls and dirt berms designed to discourage suicide bombers. The only residents

the Marines speak with are those who travel to the compound, often to discuss being compensated for destroyed property or relatives who've been killed in fighting.

There are currently no reconstruction projects inside the city, and Marines are grateful when the incoming rounds are just mortars, not rockets. Most of the Marines who work at the liaison office, which is about a mile from Fallujah, have never set foot inside its city limits.

The Marines have \$6 million earmarked for fixing battle-damaged buildings and repairing essential services within a month of an assault on Fallujah. Tens of millions of dollars more would follow.

The money, though, would become available only after a fight that could be days or weeks away; one that could ruin whole blocks of houses and buildings in a city already hit hard by daily U.S. airstrikes.

On a recent afternoon, brothers Ahmed and Mahmoud were waiting at the office to sign a contract for rebuilding a dilapidated mosque outside town. Young and wearing traditional Arab robes, they wouldn't give their last names to reporters, for fear of being shot by insurgents.

"There have been a lot of people killed because they were working for the Americans," Ahmed said.

Walking in to discuss their contract with Lt. Cmdr. David Hahn, Ahmed and Mahmoud shook hands, then put their hands over their hearts, a show of respect common in tribal areas such as Fallujah.



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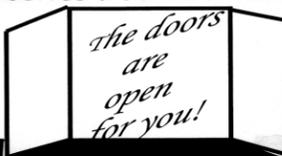



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Re-election of Bush casts gloom in parts of the world

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family," said Mairtin O'Muilleoir, a newspaper publisher in Belfast who strongly disapproves of the war in Iraq.

"I think America is weaker after this election. And an America divided against itself [is] not going to play any kind of beneficial role in the world," he said.

In France, perhaps the epicenter of European hostility to Bush, the feeling of despair was almost palpable.

"This is not going to make relationship on the two sides of the Atlantic any easier," said Guillaume Parmentier, director of the French Center on the United States.

"After the 2000 election, there was a feeling in Europe that, OK, he is a minority president, elected by one vote on the Supreme Court. Now that he is re-elected by a majority, Europeans will think, well, the Americans really want this guy," he said. "Four years ago, people could believe that Bush was a compassionate conservative, that he wanted a humble foreign policy. It's hard to believe that now."

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Bush's closest ally in the Europe, told Parliament yesterday that he would push the American president to make a resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict a top priority in his second term.

But in Middle East, there was little optimism.

Yassin al Dhari, an American studies professor at Baghdad University, said Bush's re-election ensures that "terrorism will remain in Iraq, and that terrorists will continue to be backed by neighboring countries opposed to U.S. occupation of Iraq."

In South Africa, where the cable television network aired Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11" on the eve of the election and most people support Sen. John Kerry, many said they were worried about the direction in which the United States was moving with Bush.

"We are better off with a U.S. president who looks at the world in a way that accepts the reality that we are all part of the world, that the U.S. is not the only player," said Khabele Matlosa, a senior analyst with the Electoral Institute of Southern Africa. "I don't think Mr. Bush, with all due respect, stands the continent in good stead."

But Greg Mills, director of the South African Institute of International Affairs, said the Bush victory was probably better news for Africa than a changeover in administrations.

In terms of concrete assistance, Bush has "offered a surprising amount of aid and trade concessions to Africa as well as assistance with HIV/AIDS," said Mills.

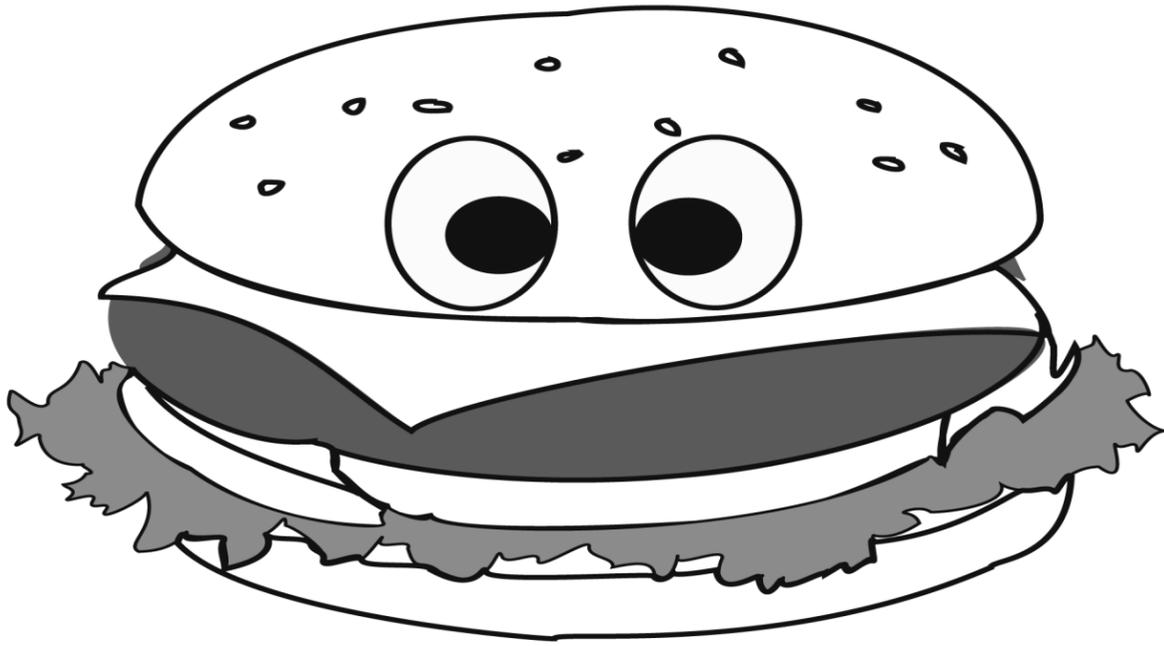
Compared to the Democrats, who seized on protectionist rhetoric during the campaign, "the Republicans offer more in terms of trade, and in Africa trade equals growth and growth is what it's all about on this continent," he said.

In China, Bush's victory created little stir, with most people interested mainly in U.S. policy toward China's rival, Taiwan.

"I don't care who is president as long as he helps return Taiwan to us," said Sun Ping, a 58-year-old construction worker who followed the news on the radio.

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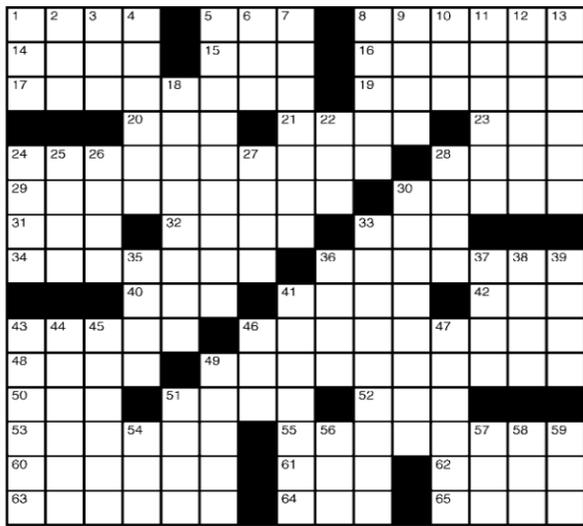
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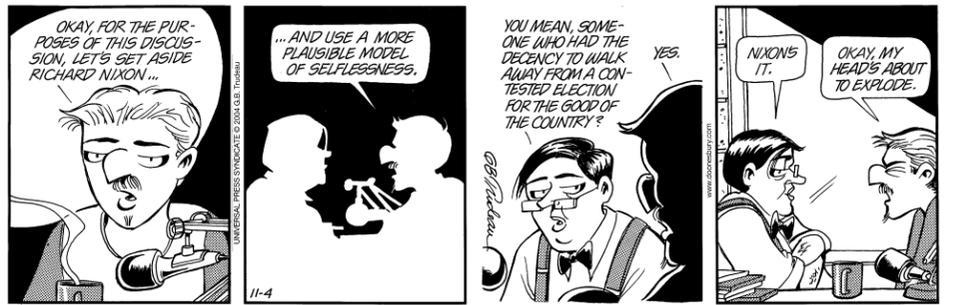


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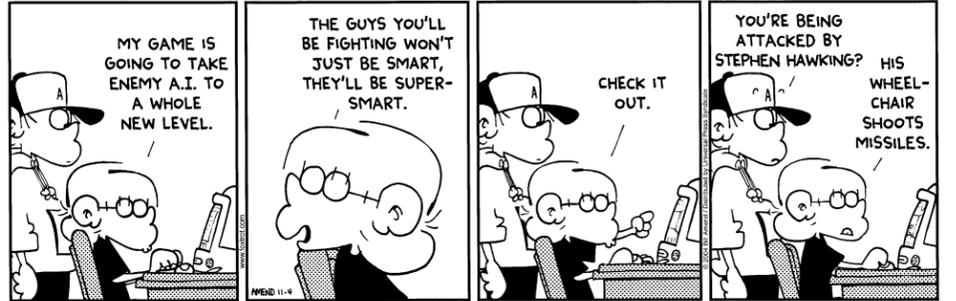
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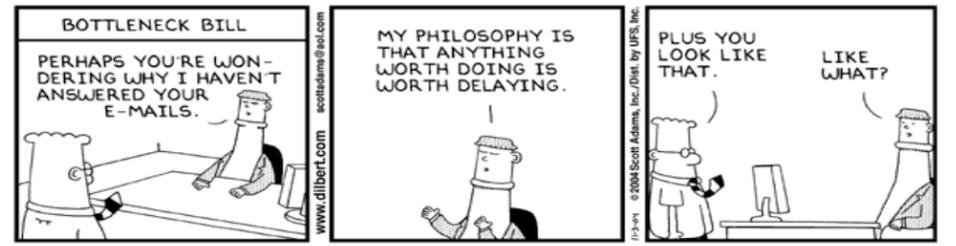
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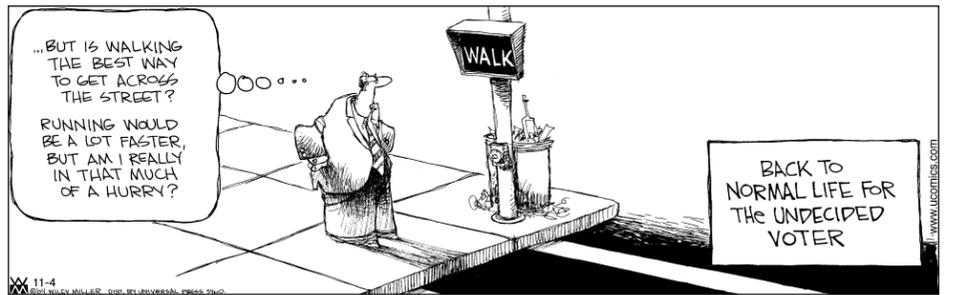
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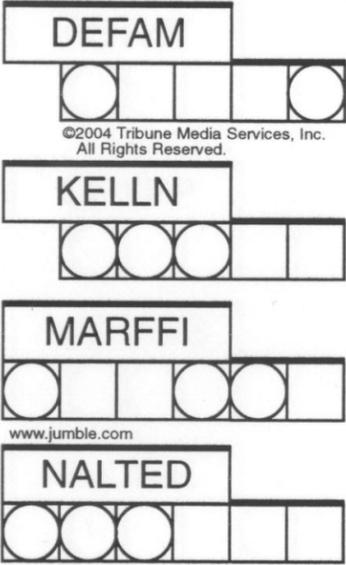
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



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At least Kobe Bryant still cares

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in my athletes is that they care. I don't see that enough in the NBA.

I saw it Sunday afternoon. I watched with about 70 other fans as the women's soccer team's season ended in a 1-0 loss. Afterwards, several Jumbos bent over, hands on knees, in shock. Some of them cried. One aimlessly juggled a ball. For minutes, they just sat there. Slowly, one by one, they unlaced their cleats. That wasn't the way it was supposed to end for that team. But that's how it ended. And that's life. And yes, it was only a soccer game. But at least they cared.

Say what you want about Kobe Bryant, or Derek Jeter, but at least they care. The last time I saw an NBA player besides A.I. really, really seem to care about losing - and I mean a real, unable-to-control-their-own-emotions sort of care —

was when Bryant broke into tears on the bench when the Lakers lost to the Spurs in the 2003 playoffs. Last year, the Lakers looked like they were happy to just have their zombie-like season over with.

To me, that's the biggest problem with the NBA right now. Most people say it's the lack of skill. But it's not like college basketball players are the paragons of fundamentals. *No one* knows how to shoot anymore, on any level (except for me). But at least college players care. If NBA players cared about their teams, and about winning and losing, they'd probably pass more and give more effort. But a lot of the players don't seem to care. And if they don't care, then how can they expect us to? And if we don't care, how can we keep paying \$25 to go to a game? We won't.

For now, I'll keep watching. And hoping.

Chemistry of team proves to be critical part

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They drove the team and provided guidance for the younger players as well.

"Every one of them was a leader and an inspiration," Emery said. "When we weren't working hard in a practice, I felt like they were the ones who were pushing us. They were definitely the backbone of the team and everyone will miss them incredibly next year."

With the season is over, the players have had a chance to look back and reflect on the experience.

"My teammates played with an amazing amount of talent, passion and determination," Gelb said. "They have provided me with an endless amount of support, motivation and laughter. This team has made my four

years at Tufts unforgettable."

McCourt feels the same way. "I feel so lucky and privileged to have been able to spend so much time with such a wonderful group of girls playing for a coach that genuinely cares about every one of us," she said.

Less than a week removed from the season, the players are already missing it.

"The past few days at normal practice time, I've missed going to practice and missed being with all the girls," Emery said.

For seniors, however, the ending to this Tufts season puts a bow on their college careers.

"I'm going to miss walking onto Kraft Field on a game day when the weather is perfect: sunny, no wind and hearing parents cheer," McCourt said. "I'm going to miss stretching to the song 'Standing Outside the Fire'

and leaving the field after a wet practice, caked in mud with grass stuck in every crevice, feeling dead tired."

Though it appeared that the season could be a long one, the Jumbos fought back and showed why they are so proud to play Tufts soccer.

Whiting, while still thinking about this season, is very excited about next year as well.

"Ten months is much too long to wait," she said. "Next year has the potential to be a great year. We will, once again, have a strong team."

This is the one consoling factor for McCourt and the other departing seniors.

"We know that we are leaving the program in really good hands," she said. "It might be the only thing that makes leaving this team a little easier."

Middlebury lurks in distance

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2000. The lone goal of the contest was recorded by junior tri-captain Jeanne Grabowski off a Panzer assist. The game was competitive, with both teams having many chances to score in the first half but failing to do so. Tufts began to dominate in the second half and earned several penalty corners, and Grabowski finally put the Jumbos on the board with 30:34 remaining.

Williams is a strong team with a lot of experience in the postseason. The Ephs were the champions of the NESCAC tournament in both 2002 and 2001, and they advanced to the finals in 2003, where they fell to Middlebury.

In her first season as head coach of the Jumbos, McDavitt has already brought the team farther than it's gone in the past three seasons. Last year was the first year the Jumbos made the NESCAC tournament in three years, and they suffered a 6-0 loss against Bowdoin in the first round. McDavitt is proud of her team's showing this season.

"It's just been a great ride," McDavitt said. "I'm pleased with how the team has come together, how the season has come together.

er. We have a lot more to offer if we can get there."

No matter what happens on Saturday, this has to be marked as a success for the Jumbos. But for now, Tufts will be looking to continue their success in the game against Williams. And considering what happened when the two teams met in the regular season, Tufts has a shot at defeating Williams and advancing to the finals.

"We know we can beat them," McDavitt said. "We know last time we played them it was a hard game, and Williams is a great team. But we've been there before and if we play well, we can beat them again."

If the Jumbos can take down the Ephs, they'll find themselves with a shot at a NESCAC title.

"We have to take it one game at a time," McDavitt said on the possibility of facing undefeated Middlebury in the finals. "So Williams is who we've been focusing on in practice. But Middlebury is in the back of our heads. I've already watched the tapes from when we played them before and I know what I would do differently as a coach if we play them again. I've also been looking at Colby. We're preparing like we are going win."

Sixers top Celtics in roller-coaster

BY JOE JULIANO
Knight Ridder Newspapers

BOSTON — The Philadelphia 76ers figured that one game on opening night wasn't enough. Why not play three?

The Sixers led by 14 points early in the second quarter. A short time later, they trailed by 18 midway through the third and their defense looked as if it had been carried out of the arena along with the World Series trophy that the Boston Red Sox had paraded around before the game.

But the Sixers located their defense in the nick of time, put the squeeze on the Celtics, bounced back in the fourth quarter, and wound up with an unlikely 98-95 victory at the FleetCenter on Wednesday night.

Jim O'Brien picked up the victory in his debut as Sixers coach with an interesting fourth-quarter strategy. He stuck with the same five players the entire period, and the unit outscored the Celtics, his former team, 27-12.

More important, the five — Allen Iverson, Willie Green, Kyle Korver, Kenny Thomas and Samuel Dalembert — limited Boston to 3-of-17 shooting. The

Celtics made only 1 of their last 11, and sagged at the buzzer when Paul Pierce's attempt to tie the game hit off the back of the rim.

"The difference in the fourth quarter is that we pressured the heck out of the ball," said O'Brien, who was presented the game ball by Iverson during his postgame interview. "To hold a talented offensive team like that to 12 points in the fourth quarter speaks to the pressure."

"I just kept that team on the court because we were coming back. Even though Korver had five fouls and Pierce was having a good game, I just stuck with him and it worked out."

Korver, who drained three of the Sixers' five three-point baskets in the fourth, had his ups and downs against Pierce, whom he guarded for nearly all of the 24 minutes the second-year Sixers player was in the game.

The biggest ups came in the fourth, when Pierce went 0-of-4 from the field. The fact that Korver picked up his fifth personal foul with 8 minutes, 27 seconds remaining — and didn't foul out — made Pierce's scoreless run even that more remarkable.

Still, Pierce finished with 35

points, 13 rebounds and eight assists.

"The most important thing is that we had a sense of urgency," said Iverson, who shot 13 of 22 from the field and led the Sixers with 30 points and six assists. "If we didn't buckle down and try to make things happen, play good defense collectively as a group, then we didn't have a chance to win it."

O'Brien, who was greeted by cheers with some scattered boos in his return to the Celtics' home arena, must have liked the game's first 15 minutes. The Sixers scored on their first five possessions of the second quarter in an 11-2 run, and Iverson's three-pointer gave them a 38-24 lead with 8:57 left in the first half.

But the Celtics emerged from whatever haze had enveloped them and picked up their game. They connected on nine of their last 10 shots in the half, including Walter McCarty's three-pointer at the buzzer, to take a 53-51 lead at intermission.

It got worse for the Sixers. The Celtics began the third quarter with a 14-0 run. When Pierce sank a pair of free throws with 7:21 left in the quarter, his team held a 71-53 lead.



TOM PENNINGTON/KRT

Apparently Ben Roethlisberger didn't get the memo that he wasn't supposed to succeed in his freshman season in the NFL. Having conquered the mighty Patriots, Big Ben and the Steelers have their sights set on unseating an undefeated team for the second consecutive week.

INSIDE THE NFL

Penn. still a swing state in the NFL

Steelers face their second straight undefeated team in the Eagles

BY DAVID POMERANTZ
Daily Editorial Board

The election may be over, but in the NFL ranks, Pennsylvania's still the biggest swing state in the nation. The Philadelphia Eagles remain undefeated after a 15-10 victory over the Baltimore Ravens, while the Pittsburgh Steelers did what no other team has been able to accomplish in over a year on Sunday: beating the New England Patriots.

The Pats hadn't lost in 21 straight games, an NFL record streak that stretches back to Sept. 28, 2003. Pittsburgh jumped all over the Patriots as the game got under way. Many fans and experts, including "Inside the NFL," had assumed that Patriots head coach and defensive mastermind Bill Belichick would find ways to end the honeymoon of Pittsburgh rookie quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

Instead, Roethlisberger and the Steelers' offense torched the Pats early, as Big Ben threw two first half touchdowns to Plaxico Burress and Duce Staley kept the ground game going for the Steelers. Pittsburgh finished the day 9-9 on third down conversions. It was the Patriots who were kept at bay throughout the

day, held to just 248 total yards and turning the ball over four times, compared to Pittsburgh's zero in that category.

To their credit, the Patriots were without feature back Corey Dillon and wide receiver Deion Branch due to injuries. For all their depth, even the Patriots can't keep winning with all those injuries.

But the Pats' injury problems take nothing away from Pittsburgh. Apparently Big Ben hasn't heard that rookie quarterbacks aren't good — that or he's so terrified of Bill Cowher's "I can't believe you just threw that interception, I'm going to murder you with my eyes" stare that he's literally inspired to be perfect. Either way, Pittsburgh's offense is clicking on all cylinders and its defense is looking very solid.

"Inside the NFL" still thinks the Patriots are the team to beat in the AFC. They are simply too well-balanced to lose more than three to five games in the regular season, and Brady's boys are so good at winning close games that the Pats will remain an incredibly strong playoff team this year.

The New York Jets continued to be a strong AFC championship contender as they beat the basement dwelling Miami Dolphins in a romp. For now though, the road to the Super Bowl looks like it will go through either Pittsburgh or Foxboro.

Taking a trip across the great state of Pennsylvania, the Eagles are clearly the team to beat in the NFC, as well as in the entire league. The Ravens kept things interesting on Sunday, despite having an offense that features ... well, it doesn't really feature much of anything, but the Eagles are just too good offensively to be held down for long. Watching T.O. and Donovan McNabb play together makes for one of those rare occasions in sports where you feel like you're watching transcendence, like watching M.J. in big games or playing as Jeremy Roenick in NHL '94 for Sega Genesis. They can score at will.

The Eagles will be that much better when Brian Westbrook returns from a rib injury. If they have a weakness right now, it's

their inconsistency to control the pace of a game. Teams have proven that the Eagles are susceptible to the run, as shown in the Cleveland Browns game, and Philly's offense is based on short passes and the deep threat to Owens.

No matter how many touchdowns Daunte Culpepper has thrown, Tiki Barber has to be the leading MVP candidate right now.

This week the Eagles will meet their biggest challenge yet when they take a travel through the Pennsylvania boondocks to face off against the Steelers. In what many predict could be a Super Bowl preview, the Steelers will have to do to the Eagles what the Ravens did for three quarters. Baltimore kept Owens in check and disrupted the Eagles' rhythm for much of Sunday's game, and if T.O. can be stopped this week while Westbrook is still hurt, the Eagles could suffer their first loss of the season to the Steelers.

Besides Pennsylvania, the other state boasting two strong playoff caliber teams right now is New York. The Jets continue to roll, their only loss a tight one to the Pats, and the New York Giants rebounded from Week 7's hiccup against the Detroit Lions to roll over the Minnesota Vikings in Minnesota, reviving memories of 2000's 41-0 pummeling in the NFC championship game.

No matter how many touchdowns Daunte Culpepper has thrown, Tiki Barber has to be the leading MVP candidate right now. He has been the deciding factor in each of the Giants' five wins, and leads the league in yards from scrimmage with the mind-boggling number of 1100 total yards through seven games, on pace for over 2200 for the season. An even more impressive number? Zero. That's how many fumbles Tiki has coughed up thus far.

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Team	CONFERENCE			OVERALL	
	W	L	Pct	W	L
Middlebury	9	0	1.000	14	0
Bowdoin	6	3	.667	10	5
Williams	6	3	.667	12	3
Wesleyan	6	3	.667	11	4
Tufts	5	4	.556	10	5
Trinity	4	5	.444	8	7
Colby	3	6	.333	9	6
Amherst	3	6	.333	5	8
Conn College	2	7	.222	5	9
Bates	1	8	.111	3	11

Football
NESCAC Standings

Team	CONFERENCE			POINTS	
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Trinity	6	0	1.000	239	39
Amherst	5	1	.833	172	84
Williams	5	1	.833	143	86
Colby	4	2	.667	118	62
Wesleyan	3	3	.500	113	152
Middlebury	2	4	.333	128	150
Tufts	2	4	.333	66	112
Bates	1	5	.167	101	170
Bowdoin	1	5	.167	128	194
Hamilton	1	5	.167	106	265

Men's Soccer
NESCAC Standings

Team	CONFERENCE			OVERALL			
	W	L	T	Pct	W	L	T
Williams	7	1	1	.833	10	2	2
Middlebury	6	1	2	.778	11	2	2
Bowdoin	6	3	0	.667	10	5	0
Wesleyan	5	3	1	.611	8	5	1
Bates	5	3	1	.611	10	4	1
Amherst	5	4	0	.556	10	5	0
Tufts	4	5	0	.444	8	6	1
Trinity	2	7	0	.222	3	9	2
Colby	1	7	1	.167	5	7	2
Conn College	1	8	0	.111	3	11	0

Women's Soccer
NESCAC Standings

Team	CONFERENCE			OVERALL			
	W	L	T	Pct	W	L	T
Middlebury	7	0	2	.889	12	0	2
Amherst	6	0	3	.833	9	2	4
Tufts	5	1	3	.722	7	4	3
Bates	4	3	2	.556	9	4	2
Bowdoin	4	4	1	.500	9	5	1
Williams	3	5	1	.389	8	5	2
Conn College	3	6	0	.333	9	6	0
Colby	2	5	2	.333	7	5	2
Trinity	3	6	0	.333	7	6	1
Wesleyan	1	8	0	.111	3	11	0

Sailing College Rankings
As of Oct. 21, 2004

Coed Rank, Team (Previous Rank)

1. USC (1)
2. Yale (4)
3. Kings Point (11)
4. Boston College (5)
5. Hobart/WmSmith (7)
6. St. Mary's (2)
7. Dartmouth (3)
8. Tufts (6)
9. Georgetown (8)
10. Harvard (9)

Individual Statistics

Scoring

Player	G	A	Pts
Dana Panzer	12	9	33
Lea Napolitano	6	5	17
Jeanne Grabowski	3	2	8
Jennie Sachs	2	1	5
Illeana Katz	2	0	4
Kathleen Martin	1	2	4
Stacey Watkins	1	1	3
Jayne Heller	1	1	3
Tracy Rittenour	1	1	3
Meghan Becque	1	0	2
Lizzy Oxler	1	0	2
Goalkeeping	GA	Sv	Sv%
Angela Rappoli (3-3)	7	35	.833
Duffy-Cabana (7-2)	9	39	.813

Individual Statistics

Rushing

Player	Att	Yds	TD		
Steve Cincotta	81	315	1		
Brendan Georges	48	181	1		
Jason Casey	45	170	1		
Brian Cammuso	43	144	0		
Casey D'Annolfo	21	22	1		
Totals	249	836	4		
Receiving	No.	Yds	TD		
Kevin Holland	41	416	1		
Steve Menty	8	192	2		
Chris Roy	7	80	0		
Brian VonAncken	6	74	1		
Totals	16	811	4		
Passing	Att	Comp	Int	Yds	TD
Jason Casey	90	48	8	501	2
Casey D'Annolfo	51	26	3	310	2
Totals	141	74	11	811	4

Final Individual Statistics

Scoring

Player	G	A	Pts
Todd Gilbert	5	7	17
Mattia Chason	4	1	9
Ben Castellot	4	1	9
Mike Gugli	4	0	8
Bob Kastoff	1	3	5
Dan Jozwiak	2	1	5
Greg O'Connell	1	0	2
Alex Bedig	1	0	2
Matt Maloney	1	0	2
Mike Lingenfelter	0	2	2
Ben Kallechey	0	1	1
Goalkeeping	GA	Sv	Sv%
Matt Sullivan (8-5-0)	20	75	.789
Scott Conroy (0-1-1)	5	19	.792

Final Individual Statistics

Scoring

Player	G	A	Pts
Ariel Samuelson	4	0	8
Sarah Callaghan	3	2	8
Martha Furtek	3	2	8
Jen Baldwin	3	1	7
Becky Greenstein	1	4	6
Lauren Fedore	2	1	5
Sarah Gelb	2	0	4
Lindsay Garmirian	1	1	3
Catherine Benedict	1	0	2
Annie Benedict	0	1	1
Cate Meeker	0	1	1
Goalkeeping	GA	Sv	Sv%
Meg McCourt (6-3-2)	14	47	.770
Annie Ross (0-0-1)	3	10	.769

Women's Tennis
Individual Statistics

Position, Singles, Record

1. Jennifer Luten (7-1)
2. Jennifer Lejb (6-1)
- 2,3. Kylyn Deary (5-3)
- 3,4. Trina Spear (5-3)
- 4,5. Lani Ackerman (5-3)
- 5,6. Stephanie Ruley (5-1)
6. Ashley Weisman (2-1)

Position, Doubles, Record

1. Luten/Spear (7-1)
2. Lejb/Neda Pisheva (5-2)
3. Spear/Ackerman (1-0)
3. Spear/Weisman (4-2)

BEN HOFFMAN | THE LEFTY GROOVE



*The '(NB)
A' is for
Apathy*

Let me tell you what Marcus Banks looks like running an offense in person: Even faster, even more out of control, and even more confused than he looks on TV. I know this because last year my roommate and I spent \$25 to go to a Boston Celtics game, where we sat in the upper deck and steadily made our way down to the good seats. The closer we got to the court, the easier it was to see that Banks was dribbling the ball at chest level like a seventh grader as he raced down the court with absolutely no clue of what to do or how to run an offense.

What else did we have the privilege of viewing? Jiri Welsch took one of the ugliest shots I've ever seen on any level — and that includes the youth basketball league I used to volunteer for where five-year-olds shot underhand and the ball went halfway to the rim. Kedrick Brown showed the explosive athleticism that got him drafted as a touted prospect — and the lack of any semblance of anything else relating to the game of basketball that will escort him out of the league by age 26. Paul Pierce looked plain disinterested and I can't say I blamed him. I was a little disinterested myself; if I had wanted to spend \$25 laughing and wincing, I would have gone to a comedy club.

The Celtics were that bad — and somehow, they still beat the Sacramento Kings that night; I didn't reach the same level of shock and disgust again until Tuesday night.

Keeping this in mind, I love the NBA. Not because it's great (it's not), but because I love basketball. I love the NBA in much the same way that I love America, not because of what it is or because of the direction it's currently going, but because of what it used to be and what I think it could be again. And I feel both of them slipping away from everything that made them great.

I'll be the first to admit that the NBA product is not very good right now. Most players (by which I mean most of the younger players, of which there are more and more every year) can't shoot or pass (nor do they really want to in the latter case). They go for the ball instead of the body on the boards. They keep the ball on 3-on-2 or 2-on-1 fast breaks, which is only the most infuriating thing ever if you're that teammate filling the lane. Just being tall is enough to make you a millionaire; you don't actually have to be good (at least that's what Adonal Foyle told me).

Now, a confession: My favorite NBA player is Allen Iverson. "What?!" you say. "A.I.? He can't shoot! He doesn't want to pass! He doesn't even want to practice!! How can he be your favorite player?!"

Well, one at a time.

Yes, A.I. He actually can shoot. Unfortunately, he takes a lot of bad shots, which make it look like he can't shoot, but those really come from his belief that he has to take those kinds of shots to win because his teammates aren't offensively skilled. Because Iverson takes so many shots, people think that he's selfish; if you've ever seen him play during the All-Star game, you know that's not true.

And as for his disdain for practice, well, for once in my life, I feel like a Bush supporter; when you like someone so much, you become blind to his faults, and can't — and thus don't even try to — defend some of the stupid things he says. So I won't even try.

But the reason I love Iverson is that he cares. I thought about what I most want to see in my athletes. Athleticism is high up there. Picture Barry Bonds locking in, Donovan McNabb eluding the rush, Emanuel Ginobili slicing in for lay-ups. So is the ability to perform in the clutch. Think Reggie Miller, Tom Brady, and Mariano Rivera. But the thing I want to see the most

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MEN'S CREW



JESSICA TANG/TUFTS DAILY

The men's varsity crew team was inactive this weekend. The novice team competed this weekend in Worcester, with its A and B boats posting seventh and 13th place finishes, respectively.

Novice crew finds tough races in Worcester

'A' boat leads the way for Tufts with seventh place result; team is still developing

BY KYLYN DEARY
Daily Staff Writer

The men's novice crew team raced in cold conditions at the annual Quinsigamond Challenge in Worcester, Mass. this past Saturday. The race was the novice team's third and final competition of the fall season. The A and B Jumbo boats finished seventh and 13th, respectively, out of thirteen teams.

The novice A boat came in with a final time of 14:19.1. Racing in this boat from bow to stern were freshmen Dave Horne, Ari Goldber, Steve Constantino, Alex Clark, Max Hurd, Ian Davis, Zach Jefferson and Sam Goldhar. Its coxswain was Kyle Pong. Pong, a junior, is new to the novice program and was participating in her first race of the year.

"It was tough. For most of the guys it was just their second or third race," Goldhar said. "Physically I think everyone gave it everything they had as we were honestly spent by the end of the race. We just need to focus more on working together to make the boat faster, but it's something you can only learn with experience."

Goldhar was the only freshman to

also row with the varsity squad this year. He was brought down to the novice team to race with his classmates this weekend.

"We have a strong team, it's just a question of how much time you can spend on the water and who can catch on."



Sam Goldhar
Men's Novice Crew

"We have a strong team, it's just a question of how much time you can spend on the water and who can catch on," Goldhar said about the team.

Racing for the Jumbos in the novice B boat was coxswain Elein Becque followed by freshmen Joe Stein, Sean Locke, Vincent Santos, Joe Weidenbach, Jake Shapiro, Brian Blaney, Dan Taylor and Matt Chan. This boat finished thirteenth with a time of 16:58.9.

"[Coach Jim Burke] made one boat stronger than the other, and having [Goldhar] helped the other boat get a good rhythm," Blaney said. "[Our] boat felt a lot better than the last couple days at practice, but we had hoped for a better outcome."

Graduate student Jim Burke coaches the novice team.

"Both boats did not race badly because they are all true novices," Burke said. "We have a lot of things to work on for the spring season which is our real focus. We only had a limited time practicing together but we were able to get a good feel for our competition."

"This wasn't the best we've ever rowed," Chan, who was participating in his second race, said. "We still have some technical things we need to work out, but that is what practice is for."

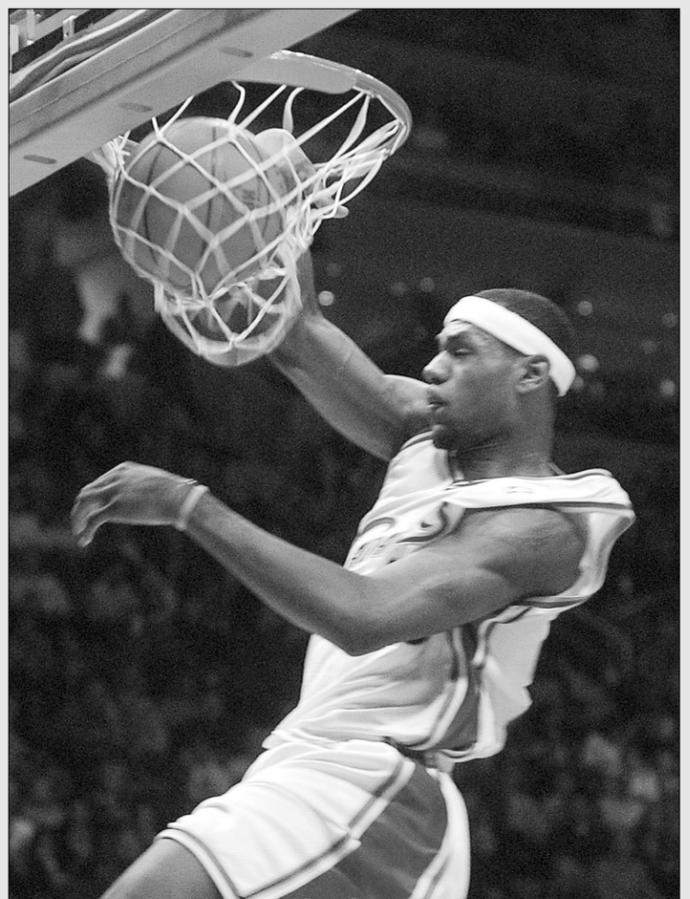
Last year the Jumbos finished fourth and 12th of fourteen teams in the same race.

In the spring, the team will race along with the varsity team. The Jumbos hope to come together in the spring after they work and train hard over the coming winter months.

THURSDAY'S TOP TEN | REASONS THE NBA IS BETTER THAN POLITICS

It's over. Bush won; Kerry lost. But while the election has ended, another season of excitement is just beginning. That's right, it's the NBA! And if you live on campus, you can't watch most of it because you don't get ESPN. But to help all the politically disappointed Jumbos out there, we just want to remind you that there are a lot of reasons to be excited that the election is over, and that the NBA has nothing to do with it or the world of politics. Because in the NBA...

10. A stupid decision by someone in charge is \$15 million a year for Vin Baker.
9. A few smart people pick the team, not 59,019,598 idiots (and counting).
8. We bring the Europeans here (while the election results make people want to go there).
7. Coaches don't have four year guaranteed contracts.
6. A Slam Dunk is a competition, not the case for WMD's.
5. There's no way to spin a win-loss record; if you suck, you suck.
4. When they change the rules to make it easier to beat someone, it has nothing to do with pulling out of the Geneva Convention.
3. People actually want to get drafted.
2. 10,000 isn't the number of casualties in Iraq, it's the number of women Wilt Chamberlain has slept with.
1. Ohio actually made the right choice (LeBron over Carmelo).



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— by Kristy Cunningham, Andrew Silver, and Ben Hoffman

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Mid-season turnaround makes for successful run

The Jumbos finish third in NESCAC

BY ELI BLACKMAN
Daily Staff Writer

The season came to a disappointingly early end for the Tufts women's soccer team last Saturday

WOMEN'S SOCCER

5-1-3 NESCAC
7-4-3 overall

in the first round of the NESCAC playoffs. The Jumbos, seeded third, were upset by sixth-seeded Williams, 1-0.

So the sun sets on a very up-and-down season. The Jumbos finished 7-4-3 overall, including a very solid 5-1-3 record in the NESCAC. Things did not look good at the start of the season, however, as the team got off to a 0-2-2 start.

"It was frustrating [in the beginning] because in practices it was obvious we had an awesome team, but we just couldn't put it together to win," freshman defender Joelle Emery said.

The Jumbos, however, turned it around with a vengeance. The team was unbeaten in eight of its last nine regular season games, rattling off four consecutive league wins at one point.

"I think the turnaround can be attributed to the girls' drive to be the best they could be," coach Martha Whiting said. "It gave us a boost and we were able to come back and finish third in the conference."

As the season progressed, the members of the team gelled and



JAMES HARRIS/TUFTS DAILY

Junior forward Sarah Callaghan tied for the team lead in points this season with eight. Her three goals and two assists were a big part of the women's soccer team's success this fall.

played more as a cohesive unit.

"We made some adjustments and started playing with more intensity, chemistry and heart," senior captain Sarah Gelb said.

Senior goalkeeper Meg McCourt agreed that chemistry played a major role.

"This team was 21 girls deep and there were no factions," she said. "This was a group of girls that really loved each other."

With the team playing well together, everyone contributed. Nine girls found the net this year,

led by junior Ariel Samuelson's four goals. Her eight points tied her for the team lead with junior Sarah Callaghan and freshman Martha Furtek.

Furtek was one of four freshmen on the team to make a significant impact. To go along with Furtek's offensive production, freshman forward Lauren Fedore scored two goals, Emery started 12 of the 14 games in the back, and midfielder Anne Benedict added an assist despite playing limited minutes.

"The freshmen really stepped up and played consistently all year," Whiting said. "They had a very impressive maturity level and didn't even play like they were freshman at all."

It was, however, the seven seniors that made up the core of this Tufts team.

"They were the heart and soul of the team," Whiting said. "They were great players who had great attitudes that really led this team."

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FIELD HOCKEY

Williams stands between Jumbos and championship

BY JESSICA GENNINGER
Daily Staff Writer

After knocking out Wesleyan in the first round of the NESCAC tournament, the field hockey team will advance to the semifinal round, where they will face third-seeded Williams this Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Middlebury. The Jumbos have already advanced farther in the postseason than they have in the past three seasons, and the team is eagerly anticipating an opportunity to go even farther.

"I think that the girls are really excited," head coach Tina McDavitt said. "They've been working really hard this week at practice. They're looking good; they're sharp at practice. They're excited to see how far they can go."

The Jumbos lost their chance to host the first round at home when they were defeated 3-1 by the Connecticut College Camels in their last regular season game on Saturday, but they shook off the road-game problems that plagued them all season and came out strong in the first tournament game, which was played at Wesleyan on Sunday.

Tufts, ranked fifth in the NESCAC, easily defeated fourth-seeded Wesleyan 2-0 to eliminate them from the tournament. Junior tri-captain Lea Napolitano put two in the net for the Jumbos, the first off an

assist from senior tri-captain Dana Panzer. Sophomore goalie Marilyn Duffy-Cabana put forth a strong defensive effort as well, recording seven saves for the Jumbos.

Tufts got a break when seventh-seeded Colby upset second ranked Bowdoin, saving the Jumbos from a semifinal match-up against Middlebury, who hosts all the games this weekend. The last time Tufts played on Middlebury turf, it lost 7-1. The Jumbos were not alone in their defeat as no one was able to win on Middlebury's turf except Middlebury, who finished the season undefeated. Colby's win pushed a possible Jumbo match-up against the Panthers to the NESCAC Championship game. But first Tufts must get past Williams.

The Ephs, ranked third in the NESCAC, defeated sixth-seeded Trinity 1-0 on Saturday in the first round. The only goal of the game was scored on a penalty stroke by senior tri-captain Tara Boyd in the second half. Senior keeper Wendy Stone earned three saves for the Ephs.

The Jumbos and the Ephs faced each other recently, on Oct. 23. Tufts was the victor of that match, defeating Williams, a team that has always been a tough competitor against Tufts, 1-0. The Jumbos had been unable to defeat the Ephs since

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JAMES HARRIS/TUFTS DAILY

Senior tri-captain Dana Panzer and the field hockey team take on Williams this Saturday in the NESCAC semifinals, hosted by Middlebury. If the Jumbos come out on top, they will advance to the final to take on the winner of the match between Middlebury and Colby.

WOMEN'S SOCCER SIDEBAR

Seven seniors led team all season

The hardest part about losing Sunday's game was not the fact that the women's soccer team wouldn't get to contend for the NESCAC Championship next weekend. It was the fact that the careers of its seven seniors, who have led the team all season long, came to a screeching halt Sunday afternoon.

"Right now, I feel like someone just died," senior co-captain Becky Greenstein said. "This is the best team we've had in four years and everyone really put their heart into the team. It's going to be very hard to leave."

"That was definitely the hardest part about losing today," coach Martha Whiting added.

"Those seven girls have contributed so much of themselves for the past four years. We're a family, and it's so hard because people you see every day for three months you're not going to see anymore."

Led by co-captains Sarah Gelb and Greenstein, the senior class was the heart and soul of a squad that started off the season slowly, but picked it up during the latter half of the year. For the underclassmen, the pain of the loss to Williams was magnified that much more because it was the last time this team would be playing together.

"This is the best team I've ever been on," junior Ariel Samuelson said. "We had the strongest class of seniors I've ever seen, and they're going to be impossible to replace. I can't even think about what it's going to be like next year without them, and that was definitely the worst part of losing today."

It started with the defense, as fullbacks Catherine Benedict and Alina Schmidt, and goalie Meg McCourt led a back four that surrendered just 17 goals in 14 games, including a stretch of three shutouts in four games in the heart of their NESCAC season.

Gelb, Greenstein and Jen Baldwin led a young offense to much success over the season. Despite the team's early struggles to put the ball in the net, the group of seniors led the charge to a 7-1-1 October where the squad outscored its opponents 18-10.

And you can't forget about Jess Gluck, who was unable to play the entire season due to injury, but nevertheless acted as the single most important motivating force on the sidelines game in and game out.

Perhaps the most profound effect this year's senior class had was its influence on this year's freshman: Martha Furtek, Lauren Fedore, Joelle Emery and Anne Benedict. By season's end, Furtek and Emery were mainstays in the starting lineup, with Fedore and Benedict filling in effectively off the bench.

"It was really tough coming in as a freshman, not knowing anybody," Furtek said. "At first I was really nervous, but all the seniors were so welcoming that it made the transition a lot easier. We're really going to miss them next year."

Gelb succinctly summed up the thoughts of the team:

"We all love this game and each other so much, and it's going to be a rough second semester."

— Aman Gupta