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Bruce Everett sat down with the Daily to discuss energy policy.

Everett: Information on climate change is inconclusive

BY KATHERINE SAWYER
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Bruce Everett, adjunct associate professor of international business at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and the Georgetown School of Foreign Service, this weekend moderated a panel at Tufts Energy Conference. He formerly worked for ExxonMobil Corporation and the U.S. Department of Energy. Everett sat down with the Daily to discuss energy policy.

Katherine Sawyer: Why do you think energy independence might not be the answer?

Bruce Everett: I start with the premise that low-cost energy is critical to the economy, and it is particularly critical in the United States because we are a highly mobile society ... If we had domestic sources of energy that were only slightly more expensive than imported oil, then you could make an argument that

the geopolitical problems which are very real that are associated with being involved in this market might induce us to say, OK, let's pay a little bit more. The problem is that oil is a transportation fuel, and we have no viable alternatives.

So if we want to move towards energy independence, we have to take two steps. This first of which makes perfectly good sense — we produce as much domestic oil as we can. And we refuse to do that ... But the second thing is that we would have to substitute expensive domestic energy for cheap foreign energy ... So what we would end up doing is saddling our own economy with lower growth for very questionable purposes ... The United States is a trading nation, and the idea that we can just somehow stay out of the world's problems by just retreating from that I think makes no sense. And as a result, what we don't want to do is to get in the worst pos-

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Greek Week launches with hopes of reaching out to student body

The Greek community yesterday kicked off its annual Greek Week with Jar Wars, a charity competition among the Greek organizations in the Mayer Campus Center.

Students will through Friday be able to contribute cash via jars on tables monitored by each chapter. Each chapter identifies a specific philanthropic cause for which they want to raise money, and all the donations will go to the victorious house's cause.

Sophomore Sara Miller, Inter-Greek Council (IGC) vice president of programming, said that the first day of Jar Wars was a success. "It went pretty well, there were a lot of people who showed up," she said.

The competition marked the beginning of four days of activities aimed at bringing the Greek community and the wider student body together.

IGC President Andrew McGowan, a junior, said that the events will focus on unifying members of the Greek population as well as reaching out to students.

"It's a way for us to get out in the community ... share our culture ... foster a sense of community and just enjoy the spring weather," McGowan said.

IGC Vice President of Public Relations Eric Swanson, a sophomore, agreed that outreach is a goal of the event. "We want to

incorporate people who aren't necessarily a part of the Greek community," he said.

In conjunction with Jar Wars, Thursday has been designated Philanthropy Day, during which all the chapters will display information about their chosen philanthropic causes.

McGowan said events like Jar Wars and Philanthropy Day bring a theme of service to the week. "It's ... a great way to show that we're more than just a system of houses that throw parties," he said.

Another Greek Week event is a faculty appreciation lunch on Wednesday on the Tisch Library roof. "It's ... an appreciation lunch for Tufts faculty to thank them for helping us and supporting us," Miller said.

McGowan added that many of the activities are traditional Greek Week events, including Greek Jams, a performance on Saturday by new Greek members.

"It's a ... competition for new members of the Greek community from each house to perform a song or dance and make a little bit of a fool of themselves," Swanson said.

"It's kind of a fun little event ... that's been going on for some time," McGowan said.

The Greek community on Friday will also



The Greek houses yesterday kicked off their annual Greek week.

host a Field Day on Fletcher Field, which will involve both Greeks and non-Greeks in activities organized by each chapter.

Swanson hopes that the events will include members of the non-Greek Tufts population. "We want to welcome them

to the events as well," Swanson said. "We want them to feel what the Greek community is about and that we're part of the [Tufts] community."

— by Martha Shanahan

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The Oscar-winning film "The Secret in Their Eyes" is a compelling mix of love and suspense.



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Senior captain Casey Sullivan came through in the clutch for the softball team over the weekend.

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Spring survey results will yield useful data for Senate

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designed to get a little bit more research on the projects that [TCU President] Brandon Rattiner was working on for more off-campus community building and more off-campus programming," Chao said.

Students generally rated themselves as very satisfied with Tufts' level of intellectual programming. Rattiner said he was pleased with this finding.

"I thought that that was actually encouraging and should motivate future Senates to keep intellectualism at the forefront of what they do," he said.

The survey also asked students if they were aware of the resources that Tufts provides to sexual assault survivors, and 52.4 percent and 21.1 percent of students said "no" and "not sure," respectively. In another question, 73.3 percent of students rated themselves as "not at all familiar" with the student judicial process regarding sexual assault.

The survey also included several questions regarding student participation in and satisfaction with the revamped Winter Bash.

Of the 46.5 percent of students who did not attend Winter Bash this year, nearly half said they were uninterested in the event.

The students who did attend Winter Bash

rated it positively, with the majority of students rating it as "above average."

Rattiner said that although Programming Board is in charge of planning Winter Bash, the Senate was pleased with the results of the questions regarding the event.

"Everyone in Senate was very encouraged by the positive reviews of Winter Bash and how most people seemed to enjoy it," he said.

The survey also included an area for students to explain why they thought this year's Winter Bash was worse than previous years. Many students pointed out problems with the long lines for the buses and the coat check.

The survey included an area for students to suggest restaurants that should be added to Tufts Dining Service's Merchants Off-Campus Partners (MOPs) program, which allows students to use JumboCash at off-campus restaurants. Suggested restaurants included Anna's Taqueria, JP Licks, Mr. Crepe, Dave's Fresh Pasta, Boston Burger Company and Taipei Tokyo.

"It provides a lot of benefits to our students to be able to use points in a variety of locations," Senator Dan Pasternack, a junior and previous co-chair of the Services Committee, said.

"Hopefully, we're thinking of expanding



In the Senate survey, students voted on which restaurants they wanted to join Boloco in the MOPs program.

the program to not just dining merchants but other types of merchants as well, which would allow students to use their points on things from general supplies to food for them to cook with at home," Pasternack said.

Responses to changes in the alcohol policy were presented in a section asking for stu-

dent ideas for the Senate's Administration and Policy Committee. Rattiner said that the responses are valuable to the committee.

"The findings came in exactly with what's consistent with what we expected and what we hoped for," he said.

Michael Del Moro contributed reporting to this article.

Effect of reform on student insurance unclear

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Bowdler, however, said that student collaboration benefited the renewal process, and she applauded students' involvement.

"It's been really nice to have [student] input because figuring out appropriate benefit levels and weighing it with costs is a challenge," Bowdler said. "What could have felt like a contentious process felt really collaborative, so I'm really impressed with them."

The final version of the undergraduate health care plan will cost \$1,473 per year, a five-percent increase from last year, according to Bowdler. This constitutes a departure from last year, when the plan's price remained the same and benefits were congruently static from the previous year.

The cost increases, however, are balanced by increasing student coverage, including eliminating the pre-existing condition clause, significantly raising hospital coverage and eliminating the limit on outpatient surgery costs.

This coverage increase accompanied by a slight cost rise is partly in line with and motivated by students' input.

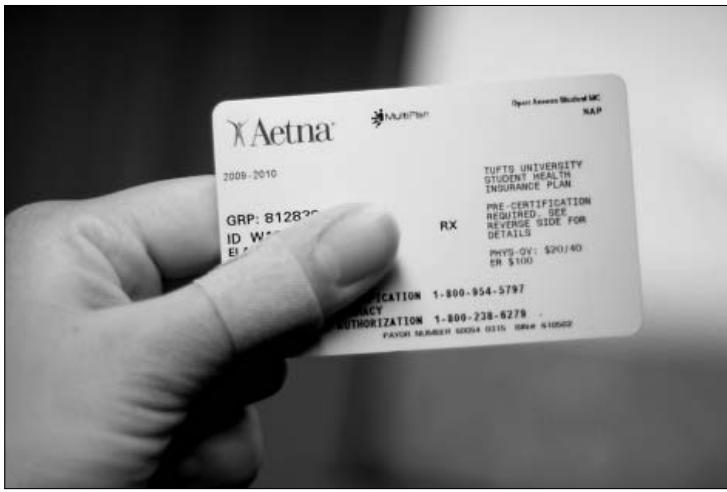
"We looked at the price of the plan and also students expressing an increased desire to have more coverage even if it meant prices going up," Bowdler said. "This year we were able to increase benefits substantially without prices going up very much at all."

Despite concerns about SHOC's involvement in discussions, Perrone agreed with Bowdler and expressed his overall satisfaction with the results of the renewal process.

"For what we got out of it, it was a very minimal [cost] increase, and the price Tufts students pay is very comparable to what other students pay at comparable top private universities ... That said, I think in the future we can get a lot more for our money," Perrone said.

The cost increase for the undergraduate plan exceeds that of the graduate student plan, which Bowdler explained was due to an effort to close the price gap between the two. The past price differentiation was intended to compensate for higher usage among graduate students.

One area, however, that students involved with the reforms were dissatisfied with is the new



Tufts' student health insurance plan offered through Aetna will now feature increased coverage.

plan's prescription drug coverage, which increased by \$500 to \$2,000, according to Perrone.

"It's good that they increased the benefit level, but we still feel that \$2,000 is pretty inadequate," Perrone said. He added that last year 75 students went above the provided \$1,500 in prescription drug coverage.

Schwartz felt student input in later stages of the negotiations might have influenced the resulting plans, specifically the prescription drug coverage.

"We were kind of disappointed as to the lack of urgency in people's feelings that [prescription drug coverage] was an issue," Schwartz said. She added that there was statistical proof that students had gone over the limit in the past and did not have the means to buy necessary drugs.

The Massachusetts Division of Healthcare Finance and Policy in November released a report showing that insurance companies were making high profits from student health insurance and offering fewer benefits to students.

Since the release of the report, SHOC has been advocating for a state-provided plan for students at private institutions, while simultaneously pressing for internal reforms at Tufts.

SHOC organizers first met with Bowdler in January, Perrone said.

"Knowing that insurance companies were taking extremely high profits and were sort of exploiting the student health insurance plans, we thought we could get better benefits," Perrone said.

A recent development is the passage of the national health insurance reform bill in March, which allows students to remain

on their parent's insurance plans until the age of 26.

Bowdler feels, however, that this would likely have little effect on graduate student usage rates because many other health insurance plans have high deductibles that may deter graduate students from staying on their parents' plans.

"It's really inexpensive for what it offers, so if you're on your parents' plan and it seems like a good deal because he or she gets it through work, but in order for their company to keep costs down, before you have any coverage at all you have to spend at least \$1,500 out-of-pocket," Bowdler said, adding that the student plan provides coverage from the first dollar spent toward health care costs.

According to Perrone, however, private insurance plans tend to be "far superior" to the student plan offered at Tufts and that undergraduates who typically opt for the student plan — less than a third of the undergraduate population — do so because their regionally organized plans are less adequate.

While it may be premature to determine all of the effects of national health care reform on student insurance plans, costs could go up in the short run as a result of the new laws, according to Bowdler.

"What we do know is that there are certain requirements for insurance plans with health care reforms ... some people think student plans may be exempt and other people don't," she said.

Perrone agreed with Bowdler in that while in the short run health care costs may be driven up, an increased risk pool will eventually drive costs down.

Energy policy shouldn't hurt economy, Everett says

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sible position, which is taking a few steps towards energy independence which are extremely expensive and don't really make any difference ... We need to look for solutions, but where you don't want to be is to spend a lot of money for no results.

KS: Can we afford to use fossil fuels?

BE: ... [Climate change] is now the primary argument that people offer against the use of fossil fuels, and it's unfortunate in many ways. This is one of the oddest public policy debates I have ever seen.

We have a situation in which we have an important scientific hypothesis [regarding greenhouse gases]. Now the evidence in support of this is distinctly mixed. And I believe that is factually true. What has happened is that we have a group of people — very smart, very well intentioned and very well trained in science — who have made it their life's work to convince us to reduce carbon emissions. And as a result they have gone from looking at this problem scientifically to just looking at it as political advocacy. And they have basically taken the position that we not only believe we are correct, but we are absolutely correct and therefore we don't want any public debate on this issue ... We don't do that for other things. The information is just too ambiguous at this point to draw a conclusion ... we simply don't understand this problem very well at all.

... One of the arguments that is frequently made is that as an insurance policy, we ought to do something in case this is right. This is a good argument. We all take reasonable precautions in our lives. But the critical part of this is the word reasonable. Now in my research ... I have concluded that you can get small amounts of carbon reduction very inexpensively, but if you want to force large amounts of carbon reduction, it is going to be incredibly expensive. And it's going to hurt the economy.

Now look around the world and what we see is ... a lot of rhetoric about climate change, but we don't see them actually doing anything ... So if the United States makes a decision that we are going to reduce our carbon output at ... tremendous cost to our economy while everybody else doesn't do it, the result will be ... we will have spent a lot of money and hurt ourselves and we will get nothing for it. To actually reduce atmospheric

carbon, every country would have to contribute, and they are simply not prepared to do it.

There are some things I would do and it seems to me that it is sensible to look for carbon reductions and I think we need a nuclear power program in the United States ... I think we need to use the natural gas resources that we have ... and I think things like pricing electricity correctly, would allow us to use it much more efficiently. The idea of suddenly engineering a massive carbon reduction in just our country makes no sense to me at all.

KS: What do you think about the United States acting as a leader on this issue?

BE: The Kyoto Protocol is filled with accounting tricks. These are fraudulent. The bills that are currently in Senate would ... put some cost on the economy, not have any measurable impact on carbon, but would allow politicians to say, look what we have done, we have solved the problem. So there is no evidence that the United States shooting ourselves in the foot economically would induce other countries to do the same things...

KS: Why are you not in favor of gas taxes?

BE: We learned something very interesting in 2008 ... when gasoline prices started to reach around \$4. It's going to take \$4 a gallon to do that. If we put on a dollar tax, that's \$140 billion a year of liquidity that's drained out of the economy and given to the government ... which will not spend it appropriately ... What you have done is significantly increased the size of government, you have drained liquidity out of the market exactly at a time when we need to restore economic growth and you will get a measurable but small impact on our oil consumption ... If in order to reduce imports by a small amount, you have to severely hamper the economy, I don't see what that does for you.

... I think there are lots of sensible things we ought to do ... but we ought to be reasonably humble in our aspirations for what we are able to accomplish through policy and stay with what has gotten the United States to where we are today, which is free market institutions. So a little bit of government policy intervention is a good thing ... but it ought to be done with an appropriate level of humility. We just need to be careful and realistic.

Features

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TCU Presidential candidates work to get their message out

BY CARTER ROGERS
Daily Editorial Board

Since the candidates for the Tufts Community Union (TCU) presidency have been officially nominated, their campaigns are working around the clock until election day on April 28. Both candidates, juniors Lauren Levine and Sam Wallis, are relying on traditional campaign fixtures, but have one key difference in how they are going after votes.

Levine is focusing on personal, face-to-face contact with students around campus.

"I'm going to go with all the standard forms of advertising on today's campus — chalking, flyering, a website, YouTube[.com] videos, Facebook[.com] and all those sort of things," Levine said.

"For me, the most important thing that I'm doing to get my word out there is to meet as many people as possible, and I think that today with technology and the impersonalization of our society, we are just completely losing touch with actual contact with people ... I'm just trying to get out there and talk to people and listen to them," she said."

Sophomore Cory Faragon, Levine's campaign manager, emphasized the personal aspect of her campaign. "She's going to be a huge presence in the ... campaign season," he said. "On campus, our goal is to have her interact



Sam Wallis' supporters have been wearing their support.

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with as many students as she can."

However, face-to-face meetings with voters around campus will not be an option for Wallis, who is campaigning while studying abroad in Israel.

Wallis said he did not plan on running for TCU president when he applied to his abroad program last year, but said he got a different perspective of Tufts while studying abroad.

"Being abroad actually has really been great, because my whole thing is about [changing] the Senate," Wallis said. "We're starting by having to change the campaign and do it totally differently. It really is making me think outside the box, and that's what I want to do as

president, so it's a great set-up for that."

According to Wallis, no one has run a successful TCU presidential campaign from abroad in at least the last six years.

Wallis said his campaign staff will be working to keep his name visible around campus. He also credited technology with allowing him to campaign from thousands of miles away. "I've been Skyping with people and getting student ideas and hearing what they say and talking to people, and I think we've made up whatever that conceived deficit was," he said. "The fact that we've had Skype and such a solid team has made up for that."

Wallis said he felt that his lack of an on-campus personal presence has helped his campaign focus on the issues, rather than the candidate. "I'd like to emphasize that ... because I'm not there, it's forced me to make the campaign all about students and student ideas, and that's exactly what we've done and that's what the campaign strategy is built around," he said.

Levine also emphasized that she aims to put students' ideas first. "A huge part of what I stand for as a candidate is communication," she said. "Communication is one of the biggest things I'm trying to promote as a change on Senate and on our campus, and so I hope my campaign is symbolic of that."

Levine said she had been planning on running for the TCU presidency for some time. She added that she believes

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Lauren Levine's supporters have made sure that those walking around campus do not forget her name.

WWOOF programs popular with students

BY ROBIN CAROL
Daily Editorial Board

Old MacDonald had a farm, and on that farm he had ... a college student? It may not be a traditional pairing, but increasingly, young adults are traveling by working on farms in exchange for food and lodging.

Several organizations and websites match farms with interested laborers. One of the most well known is Worldwide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF), which spans the globe and has several subsidiary organizations. Started in 1971 in the United Kingdom, WWOOF has expanded to over 40 countries. There are several similar organizations, such as Help Exchange and the more regionally-focused North East Workers on Organic Farms (NEWOOF), based in Belchertown, Mass.

"It's primarily a matching service between folks looking for apprentices for the summer season and young folks looking for an opportunity to work on a farm, get their hands dirty and get an idea of what's involved in farming," Director of NEWOOF Warren Hubley told the Daily. "We basically maintain a database, and we publish a NEWOOF farm list with updates as the season goes along."

Once matched, "apprentices" are normally expected to work daily on the farm in exchange for meals and housing. The

amount and type of labor depends on the host. Many students interested in farming said they had found out about the opportunity through word of mouth.

"My friend came up to me one day and said he was planning a trip to Chile and asked if anybody wanted to come," said sophomore Gabe Lewenstein, who worked on a farm in Chile last summer with several other Tufts students. "He did the organizational stuff from there and we bought the [WWOOF] membership together."

Although the group had made preliminary arrangements, Lewenstein stressed the importance of being flexible.

"One thing that was really good was there were a lot of farms around," he said. "We were supposed to work on a flower farm outside Santiago, but about two days before, we got an e-mail saying, 'Sorry, we can't take you.' We were like, 'We came to the Southern Hemisphere for you,' but he didn't really have anything to say."

Luckily, the owner of the hostel where Lewenstein was staying had heard of a nearby farm and helped the group make arrangements there.

"We ended up on a goat cheese farm in the middle of nowhere," he said.

Despite the initial hiccup, once settled, Lewenstein enjoyed the more rural lifestyle.

"It was cool to see a side of life which

I definitely was not participating in before. As a professor's son, I'd never been on a farm in my life," he said.

Hubley explained that much of the appeal of farming apprentice programs lies in the "taste" that students get for the farm life.

"It's basically hands-on experience. There's nothing that can take the place of doing what the farmer has to do. We encourage farmers to make it as good a learning experience as possible," he said. "There's inevitably a little tension between [a farmer] wanting them to perform physical tasks and having to spend time teaching people. A lot of the farm activity takes skill and expertise. When a farmer gets a new apprentice it takes time for them to get trained."

Senior Kailah Hayden-Karp didn't feel much tension during her WWOOF experience. At the end of her semester studying abroad in New Zealand, she wanted to travel and decided that farming would be a great, and affordable, option.

"I joined WWOOF New Zealand, and I got a book and an online access password. I looked through all of it for farms that seemed cool and in places I wanted to travel," Hayden-

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JESSIE BORKAN |
COLLEGE IS AS COLLEGE DOES

Always on the sidelines



I spent Monday surrounded by some of our city's finest athletes, fiercest hearts and drunkest college students. It was a testament to the strength and perseverance of humanity, the phenomenal power of the mind, and the sporadic negligence of Boston's open container laws. That's right, folks, I am talking about the Boston Marathon.

As we stood on the sidelines of Coolidge Corner, yelling out the names of strangers more than it will ever again be socially acceptable, I felt a horrible pang of regret. Trying to place this pang, I considered my possible mistakes. Am I cold? Am I hungry? Did I wear the wrong thing? Do I wish I were drunker? I peered over at the inebriated coed a few yards down. She was hunched over a limping runner, pointing in her face (which looked to be on the verge of tears) and yelling, "I believe in YOU! YOOOOOU!" Nope. Definitely satisfied with my blood alcohol content.

Just then we saw a friend run by, and as we huffed and puffed next to her for 60 seconds of solidarity that she was probably too dehydrated to appreciate, I realized the (obvious) source of my regret. Why had I never done this? Here was a girl I've been sharing college with since day one, and she was doing it. We've done so much together — hell, she was once the Kevin to my Britney. Should I have known, as we sat in my dorm room that night, me in a blonde wig (askew) and her in a wife beater, crafting post-it note reminders of the night's events to ensure that our morning selves remembered them, that someday she would be smart enough to take an opportunity I'd been foolish enough to reject?

Now, however, all I could think about was whether or not I'd made a huge mistake. Couldn't I have done this, too? Sure, this fine woman is more than a little fitter than me, but I could totally take that barefoot guy in a leopard print unitard. I'm a healthy youngster, and all this time I've been sitting on an open invitation to attempt the Boston Marathon. After years of genuine bewilderment that anyone would run a marathon, ever, and preaching about the heinous damage it does to your body, I felt like a complete idiot for not RSVP-ing yes.

Just then, another dear friend from the days of yore approached the sidelines where we stood. She had slowed to a walk, and we could tell she was hurting, and so the decision was made to run the remainder of the course by her side. Twenty minutes and the longest distance I've run since field hockey practice freshman year (of high school) later, my regret was gone, replaced by a stabbing pain in my side and a blister on my sockless right foot. In jeans, Converse and no bra, I had run a mere fraction of the marathon I had been coveting minutes earlier, and as I crossed the finish line in worse shape than the friend I was running to support, one of my personal shortcomings became the saving grace for my wounded aspirations.

There is a reason I never ran the marathon. I am terrible runner. I have mild asthma, a crappy work ethic and a horrible threshold for pain. I could already feel my calves getting sore, but I was pleased with the lesson I had learned. I suck at running, but I am good at other things, like yelling, clapping and drinking. On marathon day, it takes all kinds, and I'll stick to my kind from now on. For all those that took their places among the other kind this Monday — congratulations, you were truly phenomenal. Look for me next year; I'll be on the sidelines, where I belong.

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TCU presidential campaigns use different strategies to reach out to students

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that having both her majors and her minor completed after this semester will allow her to focus on fulfilling her duties if elected as TCU president.

"I planned that on purpose so that if I did make this commitment, I would have the full time and energy to be able to make it what it should be. I've been leaving this open as a possibility for more than a year," Levine said. She added that she studied abroad in the fall in

order to be on campus for a potential campaign.

Wallis was not planning a presidential run until relatively recently, according to his campaign manager, senior Adam Weldai. "He definitely didn't decide that he was running for president until second semester had already begun. Sam's definitely not the type who has always known he's wanted to run for president," Weldai said.

Weldai said it hasn't been a challenge working to get someone elected when that person

can't be on campus. "Being [Sam Wallis'] campaign manager is an easy job, because he is a really easy candidate to deal with," Weldai said.

Both campaigns hinted they had events planned that they weren't willing to discuss quite yet. "We're using all the traditional routes to reach out to students, but also some new ones which will become apparent," Faragon said.

Even if they have ambitious plans for their campaigns, the candidates will have to work on

a slightly smaller budget than in the past.

Each campaign was allotted \$750 by the Elections Commission (ECOM) to campaign. This is the same amount allotted to candidates last year, but candidates in the previous election were allowed to fundraise up to an additional \$250.

"This is an experimental year," ECOM Chair Sharon Chen, a sophomore, said. "It's an idea that we've been talking about for a while. This year, since there are only two candidates we thought

that if we lowered [the spending limit] to \$750 we could also skip the fundraising and allow the candidates to focus just on the campaign.

"It should allow them to get started on what they're doing," Chen added.

Those interested in seeing what the candidates have to say in person can watch their first debate tonight at 8 p.m. in the Sophia Gordon Multipurpose Room. Levine will be at the debate in person, while Wallis will be debating via Skype.

Number of students choosing to do farm apprenticeships on the rise

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Karp said. "The match I found worked out super well. The wife was [from New Zealand], the dad was Australian, and they had three kids. I'd get up and have breakfast with them and work on their farm from eight to two. I'd feed their animals and work in the garden, and then I'd do whatever I wanted [in the evening]. I would take a walk or play with the kids and they'd make an amazing dinner at night."

Hayden-Karp liked feeling connected to both the people and the country of New Zealand.

"It was a really cheap way to travel, and you get to know a family," she said. "In hostels you don't meet people in the country. You meet other Europeans or Americans backpacking but [through WWOOF] you meet a family, and I did become a part of their family."

"You just get to know a place on such a different level when

you're working with the land," she continued. "It was the highlight of my trip abroad."

"It was a cool cultural experience. I was out in the pastures talking about goat herding. It was really, really fun," Lewenstein said of his time in Chile.

Students are rapidly catching on to the benefits of farm apprenticeship, and the number of young people participating seems to be growing. According to Hubley, student interest in NEWOOF's services rises annually.

"I can tell because we get their e-mails and they are usually .edu addresses. We've seen a big surge, especially this year. The job market probably has something to do with it," Hubley said.

The fact that working on a farm is a low-cost option is one of its appeals.

"The concept of living for free is really nice for a lot of people. Even though working on a farm is still sort of a vacation, it's hard work but it's worth it for the experience and the immersion,"



COURTESY ZACHARY LAUB

Sophomores Gabe Lewenstein and Alex Laffer worked on a Chilean farm last summer.

Lewenstein said.

"If you don't like doing physical labor it isn't just like a vacation, although it is a really good opportunity to travel places you

might not have," Hayden-Karp said. "It's not good for someone who doesn't like being involved in family life. Most of [the farms] are in more rural areas. But you

can't have those experiences — you can't meet families or locals and be adopted in someone's life, or be connected to the land — without that."

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Oscar-winning 'The Secret in Their Eyes' is worth discovering

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Daily Staff Writer

"The Secret in Their Eyes" ("El Secreto de sus Ojos"), directed by Juan José Campanella, won the Best Foreign

The Secret In Their Eyes



Starring Ricardo Darín, Soledad Villamil, Javier Godino
Directed by Juan José Campanella

Language Film trophy at the 2010 Academy Awards. The Oscar, simply put, was well earned. "The Secret in Their Eyes" is a masterpiece, joining "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" (2000), "Pan's Labyrinth" (2006) and "The Lives of Others" (2006) as one of the best foreign films in recent memory. With superb directing, outstanding dialogue and great chemistry between the film's two lead actors, this story of love, murder and redemption is well worth the price of admission.

The film follows the story of Benjamin Esposito (Ricardo Darín), a recently retired Argentine district attorney, in his efforts to write a novel about a decades-old murder case. The story is told primarily in flashbacks to the investigation following the murder of Liliana Coloto (Carla Quevedo). Esposito, his drunken colleague Pablo (Guillermo Francella) and his boss and love of his life Irene (Soledad Villamil) put their careers and lives on the line to find and capture Coloto's killer, Isidoro Gómez (Javier Godino).

When Gómez is finally captured and confesses to the murder, the corrupt Argentine government frees Gómez, forcing Esposito to go into hiding and leave Irene behind on the eve of her marriage to another man. As the film flashes to the present day — more than 20 years after the murder — twists and turns abound as Esposito finishes his novel, tries to understand what happened so many years before and reconnects with his lost love.



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Soledad Villamil and Ricardo Darín bring on-screen chemistry to the Oscar-winning film "The Secret in Their Eyes."

Campanella put together an outstanding film in his fourth collaboration with Darín. The chemistry between Darín and Villamil is electric from the opening scene until the credits roll. Campanella's minimalist directing style allows the audience to get caught up in the story and the lives of the characters without interference.

The director also errs on the side of scant explanation, allowing the audience members to figure things out for themselves. This is a rare treat for American audiences, who may be used to the lack of subtlety and nuance of many Hollywood directors.

While Campanella's style throughout the majority of the film is subdued, the film does have several scenes, including one at an Argentinean soccer match, that are visually stunning. Campanella also does a terrific job with the transitions between the flashback sequences and present day — the film's makeup artists added and stripped away 20 years of aging from the actors with remarkable realism.

However, the true genius of this film comes from the actors. Darín and Villamil shine in their leading roles. They manage to fill the film's pregnant pauses with the emotion and complexity that their roles

require. Rago plays the grieving husband with wonderful restraint and subtlety, and Francella shines as Esposito's alcoholic sidekick, providing the film with just the right level of comedic relief. Godino also gives a strong performance as the film's antagonist, making the most of his limited time on screen.

Like any film, "The Secret in Their Eyes" is not perfect. The film plays a little bit long, with a running time of 127 minutes, and Campanella's use of fadeout before the film's conclusion is frustrating. The film's music can also be overpowering and even a bit distracting at times. In addition, the twists in the last half-hour come quickly, and Campanella does not bother with explanation, which can leave the audience momentarily struggling to keep up with the plot.

However, the problems with this film are minor, and the film's final scene will erase even the most cynical audience member's doubts. The final scene is a microcosm of the film: subtle, beautifully shot, with very little dialogue, but filled with the emotional realism that Hollywood films often seem to have forgotten. In short, "The Secret in Their Eyes" is nothing short of a masterpiece.

ZACH DRUCKER AND CHRIS POLDOIAN | BAD SAMARITANS

Precious or precocious?



This past weekend, we saw what very well may be the best comic book adaptation ever: "Kick-Ass" (2010). From the intense action sequences to the witty dialogue to the sharp commentary on comic books, the film really did kick ass. We feel it is our responsibility to recommend this film to our readers ... unless you are easily offended.

Parents and negative Nancies around the country are up in arms over the character of Hit-Girl. She, along with her father Big Daddy (played to perfection by Nic Cage), works to slice and dice New York's underbelly. Now, "Kick-Ass" certainly isn't the first film to feature femme fatales. After all, Uma Thurman hacked and slashed her way through hundreds of men in both volumes of "Kill Bill" (2003, 2004). The issue here is that the actress behind Hit Girl, Chloë Grace Moretz, was a mere 11 years old during filming. And she drops the C-word. Nope, not "cookies."

The public denunciation of "Kick-Ass" is best said in the words of Roger Ebert, who called the film "morally reprehensible." Many argue that Hit-Girl's action sequences numb adult viewers to the dangers of child abuse and have irreparably damaged the minds of innocent children.

This outcry isn't altogether surprising; there is a long history of supposed child exploitation in films. One of the first examples of this was the casting of 14-year-old Sue Lyon as the titular nymphet in Stanley Kubrick's "Lolita" (1962). Lolita's age was upped a few years to make the film a little less intense. In addition, the film chose to avoid the more lurid parts of Vladimir Nabokov's original book. Despite seeming comparatively tame, "Lolita" drew harsh criticism. The marketing team played off this controversy by posing the rhetorical question: "How did they ever make a movie of 'Lolita'?" in successful trailers and posters.

Another notable example is Jodie Foster's Iris, a child prostitute in Martin Scorsese's "Taxi Driver" (1973). Foster was merely 12 years old when she interacted with a psychopathic taxi driver played by Robert De Niro and an abusive pimp played by Harvey Keitel. Scorsese covered his tracks by replacing Foster with a body double (Foster's older sister) in certain (i.e. more sexually explicit) scenes.

Linda Blair was also considered for the role of Iris, but was turned down. At age 13, however, Blair went on to scare audiences with her role as the possessed girl in the "The Exorcist" (1973). Blair's character mutilates her own genitalia with a crucifix. So you can imagine how that went over ... awkward turtle.

These films got heat for their casting; however, they have since gone down in history as great performances. As controversial as these roles were, the films were critical darlings and racked up plenty of nominations during awards season. In fact, Foster and Blair both received Supporting Actress nominations at the Oscars, and Lyons won a Golden Globe for "Most Promising Newcomer, Female." In a way, the inundation of fiercely positive reviews drowned out the ethical objections to casting.

"Kick-Ass" doesn't have the benefit of having a respected plot. Instead of deconstructing societal norms and sexuality like "Taxi Driver" and "Lolita," "Kick-Ass" satirizes comic book movies. It's a concept that doesn't take itself too seriously, and that is why the film failed to connect with square reviewers like Ebert. To us, Sue Lyon's sexually precocious Lolita and Chloë Grace Moretz's murderous Hit-Girl are more similar than not.

Nonetheless, we stand by our ruling. "Kick-Ass" did what it set out to do. If you go in expecting a wholesome superhero film like "Spider-Man" (2002), then yes, you will be offended. But, if you go in expecting an outrageous rip on the superheroes and America's fascination with violence and over-the-top action, then you will be blown away. Literally.

TV REVIEW

'Doctor Who' returns with a younger doctor, but the same endearing wit

BY REBECCA GOLDBERG
Daily Editorial Board

"Doctor Who," the lively science-fiction series that has been a BBC institution for over 50 years, returned to BBC America

Doctor Who



Starring Matt Smith, Karen Gillan
Airs Saturdays at 9 p.m. on BBC America

this week with a refreshed cast, fronted by newcomer Matt Smith, and a renewed sense of whimsy and reverence for its enigmatic and loveable titular character.

The original "Doctor Who" debuted a day after the Kennedy assassination, but since then the show has been produced on and off, as the Doctor — a benevolent, ageless time-traveling alien — has "regenerated" into the bodies of 11 different actors. Notably, writer Russell T. Davies revitalized the series in 2005 with Christopher Eccleston as the Ninth Doctor and Billie Piper (who can now be seen on Showtime's "Secret Diary of a Call Girl") as his human companion. Smart writing and slick, but still endearingly low-budget, special effects garnered a



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The Doctor (Matt Smith) introduces his sidekick Amy Pond (Karen Gillan) to his unusual and strange life.

new, hip audience and eventually earned Davies a spin-off — "Torchwood," soon to be Americanized for Syfy.

After the first season, charming Scot David Tennant became the Tenth Doctor and successfully drove the series for nearly 50 episodes. After Davies' fourth season of "Who," he and Tennant both stepped down, and the show was handed off to Davies' highly regarded deputy,

Steven Moffat. In a controversial choice, Matt Smith was cast as the Doctor. An internet kerfuffle ensued, as fans were concerned that the 27-year-old is too young, too pretty or somehow contrary to the spirit of the role.

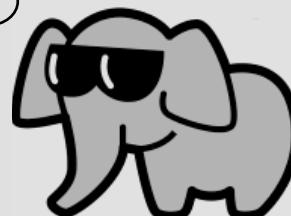
In the season premiere, titled "The Eleventh Hour," Smith undoubtedly

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FESTIVAL PREVIEW

Independent Film Festival of Boston kicks off tomorrow night

Tomorrow night, the Independent Film Festival of Boston — featuring some of this year's most talked about independent films — begins with the screening of Shari Springer Berman and Robert Pulcini's "The Extra Man." As is tradition, the film will play at Somerville Theatre, starting at 7:30 p.m. One of the stars, critically-acclaimed actor Kevin Kline, will be in attendance for the opening of the festival.

The fact that the regular film passes for the entire festival have already sold out speaks to the quality of films coming to the festival this year. Screening in art house theaters across the city — including the Somerville Theatre in Davis Square, the Brattle Theatre in Harvard Square, the Institute of Contemporary Art in the South End and the Coolidge Corner Theatre in Brookline — these independent films will take over Boston for the next week.

Among the films coming to the festival this week are this year's Sundance Grand Jury Prize winner, "Winter's Bone," both the Narrative and Documentary winners at the South by Southwest festival, "Tiny Furniture" and "Marwencol," respectively, as well as numerous other narrative features, documentaries and short films.

The festival also includes question and answer sessions with many of the films' directors and actors after the screenings, and the intimacy of the theater spaces means that one can get up close and personal with these wonderful filmmakers. There are also a few panels throughout the week, like "Making a Feature Film in Massachusetts on an Indie Budget," in which festival-goers can partake.

The Daily will be sending three writers to cover the festival as we try to see as many of its films as possible. Readers can check the paper later this week and early next week for updates on films, or, if reading about the films isn't good enough, individual tickets for specific films are still available through the festival's website at www.iffboston.org.

—by Catherine Scott



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Smith portrays witty, loveable Doctor

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soothes his naysayers. The Doctor is a peculiar role that requires rapid-fire, off-kilter dialogue to be delivered with a cocktail of whimsy and heart. Smith's Doctor cares deeply for children and the helpless, yet he has the confidence to stand up against seemingly impenetrable forces. Moreover, he's a guide to the strange and wonderful for Amy Pond (the sprightly Karen Gillan), his new companion.

In "The Eleventh Hour," the audience first meets Amy as a seven-year-old when the newly regenerated Doctor crashes the TARDIS, his spaceship/time machine that takes the form of a phone booth, in her backyard. Amy is charmed and delighted by the "raggedy doctor" as he adjusts to his new body and helps her decipher the strange

voices she hears in her house at night. The Doctor promises her an escape and says he'll be back in five minutes — but when the TARDIS reappears, 12 years have gone by.

All grown up, Amy is now a spunky and disillusioned young woman. But after the Doctor literally saves the world, she is entranced all over again and eagerly jumps in the TARDIS without mentioning that the next morning should be her wedding day.

Smith and Gillan have great chemistry, and Smith makes it easy to see what has Amy so starry-eyed. He's appealingly confident and composed about his strange surroundings, and his trust in Amy shows his inherent kindness.

Smith seems to be spitting out information so quickly that he can bury the Doctor's emotional foundation, which has come to the fore since the rest of his race

was destroyed. The Doctor acts like he travels through time as a whimsical observer, but as Amy points out, he often chooses to interfere out of the goodness of his heart — because he is "very old and very kind and the very, very last."

Beyond the performances, Moffat has thus far lived up to expectations as the series' premiere writer. The dialogue is full of wit and the dangers seem very real. "Doctor Who" has always been a reliable show for heart as well as frights, and "The Eleventh Hour" delivered both in equal parts. Moffat has wisely used the opportunity of the reboot to tell stories that speak to the heart of the Doctor's character. In that way — though "Doctor Who" is a venerable television institution — this is the perfect place for a new viewer to jump into the show and fall for it for the first time.

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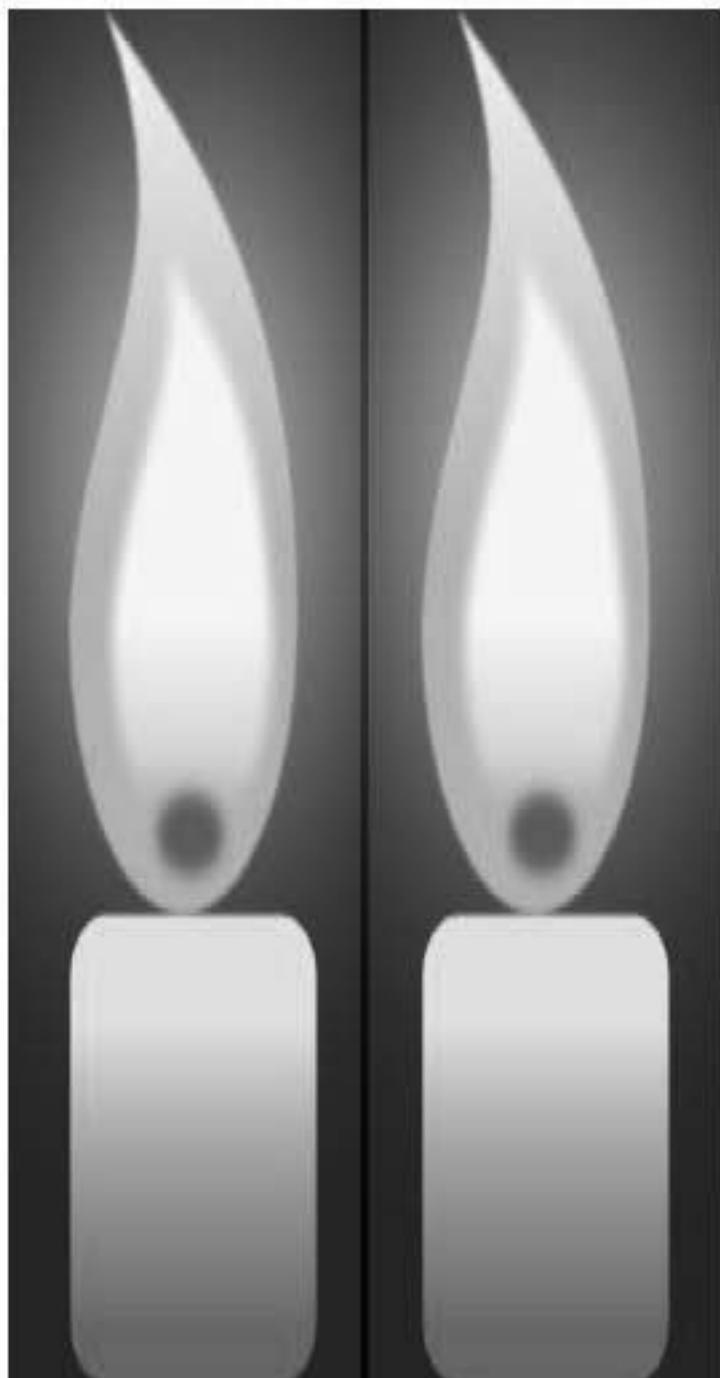
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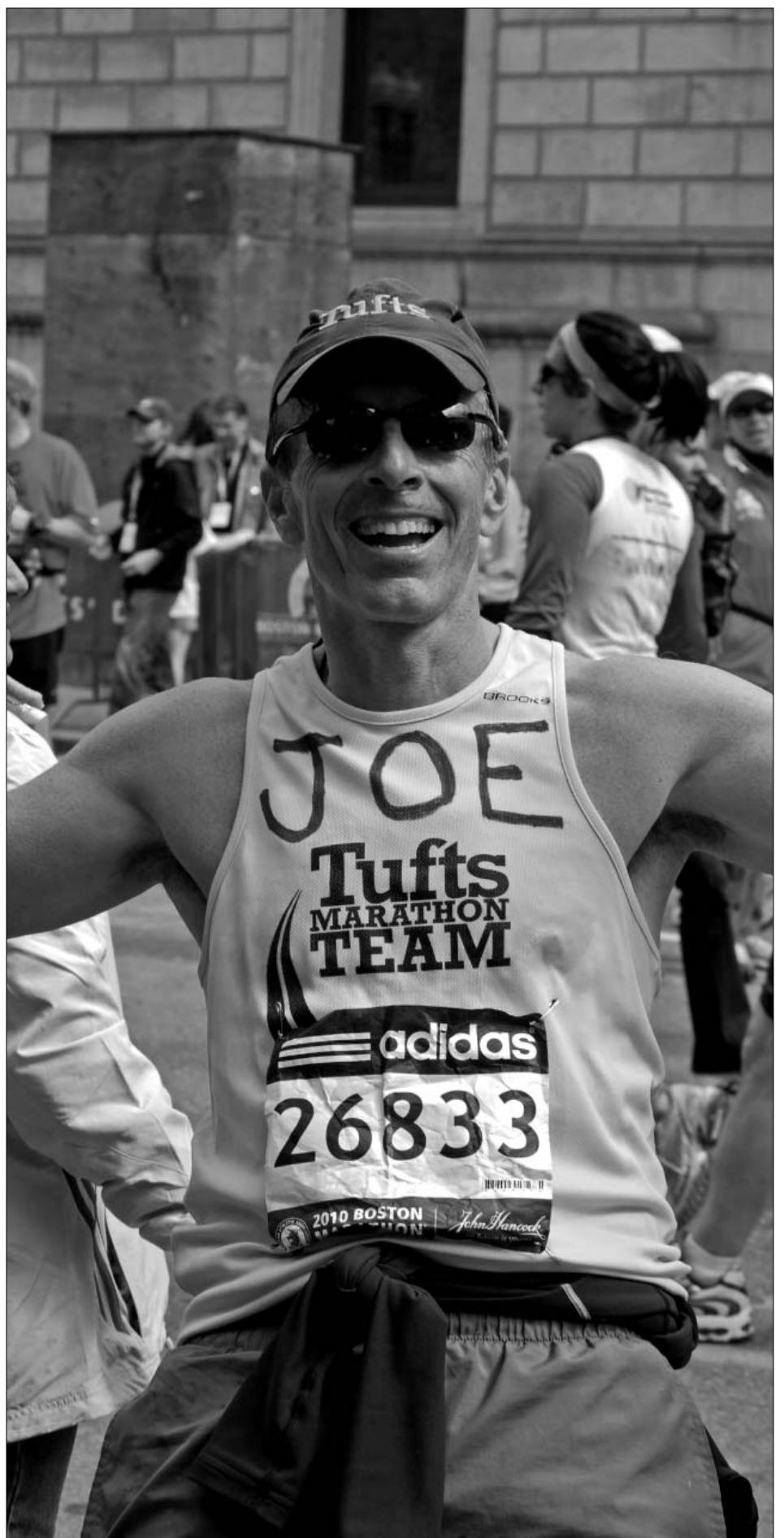
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Boston Marathon



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The onset of spring brought with it a flurry of activity from Jumbos both on and off campus. Student groups put on a variety of shows that marked the culmination of a year's worth of work and activity, including Tufts China Care's Annual Lux Charity Fashion Show and unique percussion ensemble B.E.A.T.S' spring show. The Hindu Students Council invited everyone to join in a celebration of Holi, the festival of color, and children from the Medford/Somerville community transformed the campus into their playground on Kids' Day. Beyond the Tufts community, runners from all over the world, including the members of the President's Marathon Challenge Team, tackled the Boston Marathon's 26.2-mile trek from Hopkinton to downtown Boston.

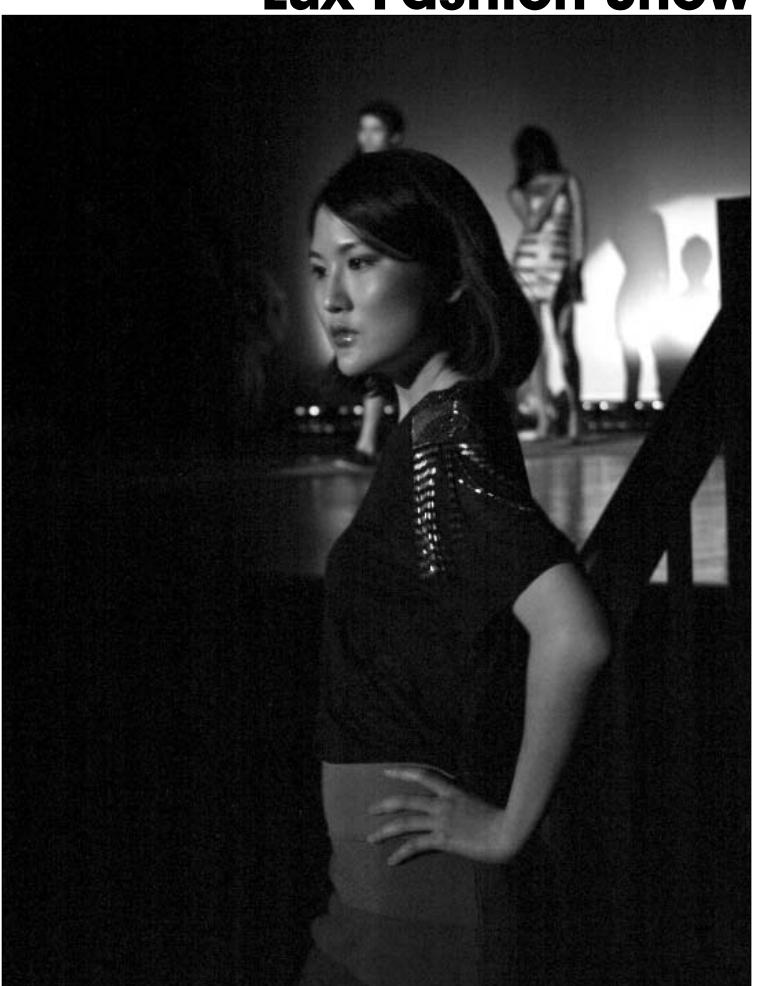


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EDITORIAL

Insurance changes not fully reflective of student needs

The Tufts health care insurance plan has recently undergone several significant changes that will take effect for the upcoming academic year. These amendments will make the plan more effective at providing both undergraduate and graduate students with the coverage that they deserve.

The advancements expand coverage to a variety of previously uncovered or strictly limited situations. Under the revised plan, graduate and undergraduate students will receive coverage regardless of pre-existing conditions. They will have hospital bills covered up to \$250,000 (a 150 percent increase from the current plan) and receive unlimited coverage for outpatient surgery care. Prescription drug costs will be covered up to \$2,000, a 30 percent increase from the current plan. The cost of the plan will be \$1,473 for undergraduates and \$1,549 for graduates, an increase of only about five percent.

Though these adjustments are certainly laudable, prescription drug coverage ought to go farther. Last academic year, 75 students exceeded the \$1,500 limit. An increase of only \$500 may not be enough to cover similar future cases. Prescription drug coverage is one of the most important and frequently employed aspects of any

health insurance plan, especially on a college campus, where illnesses that require drug treatment — from allergy medication to antibiotics — are common. Future negotiations should stress the necessity of expanding coverage in this area.

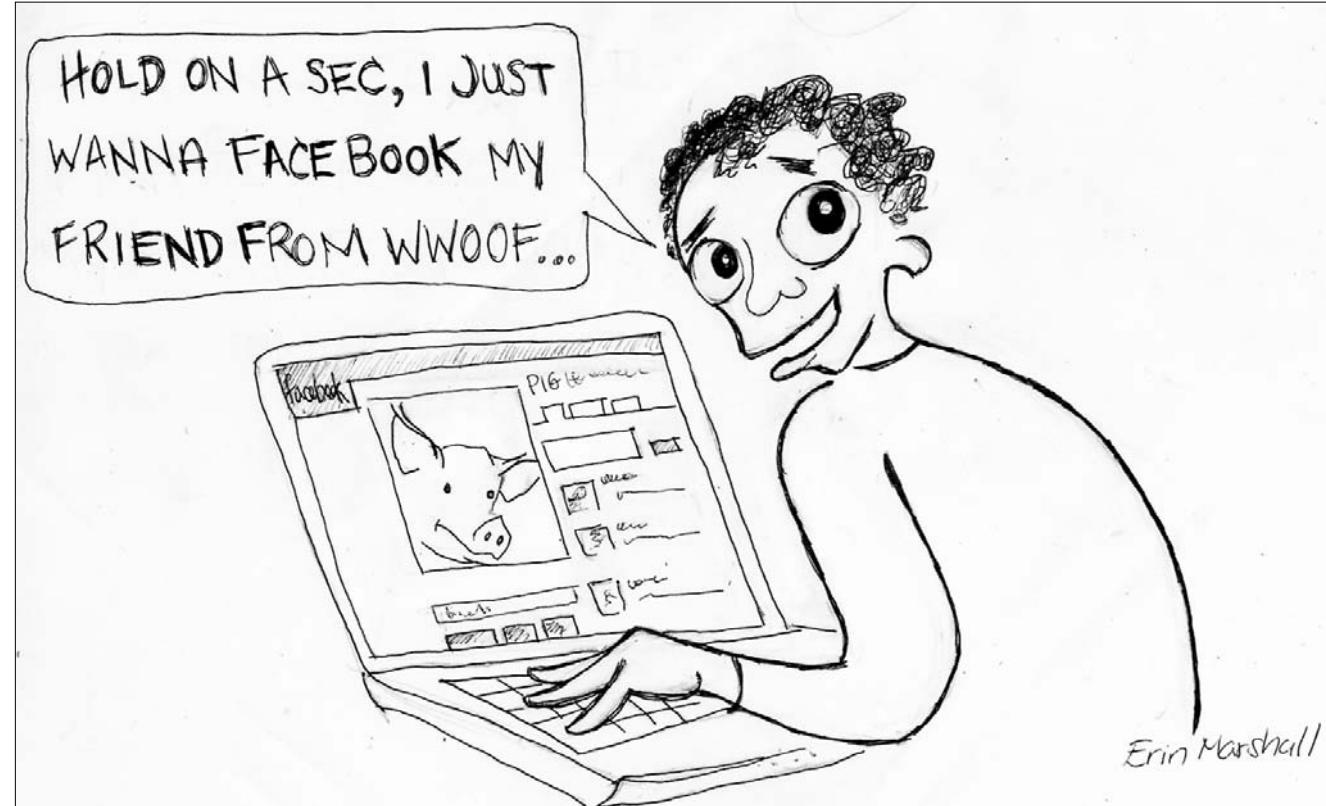
The prescription drug coverage may have been taken into greater consideration had the administrators making these decisions taken student voices into account while negotiating with Aetna Student Health, Tufts' health care insurance provider. Student Health Organizing Coalition (SHOC), a group that aims to include students in discussions regarding health insurance, was only consulted during the initial meetings, while the actual decisions were made behind closed doors. Though many of the plan's changes represent marked improvements based on SHOC's recommendations, the exclusion of students in the decision-making process may have prevented further advances from being made that would ultimately benefit those who are actually purchasing the insurance.

It would be rewarding for students to have some input into their treatment by the university and the partners it contracts with, particularly given that those students are paying a large amount of

money to access the insurance plan that the university and Aetna provides. They thus deserve a wide opportunity to observe and potentially influence the negotiations that will determine their own health care. The participation of student groups such as SHOC could form a collaboration that might provide useful insights. Just because they are not yet health professionals does not mean they cannot be part of an intelligent, informed, serious discussion. Even though SHOC members were largely satisfied with the outcome of the negotiations, Tufts should be attempting to provide students with the best coverage possible, which could be achieved by encouraging collaboration with students on an issue that is so vital to their university lives.

Ultimately, Tufts ought to be commended for securing several significant improvements to its official health care insurance plan. An extra \$150,000 of increased hospitalization coverage is itself a major achievement. However, these successes are not reasons to limit advances in other important areas, including prescription drug coverage. In the future, the university should consider the involvement of those who stand to be most affected by the changes Tufts students themselves.

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U.S. needs to focus on issues that unite, not divide

BY JESSICA HENSLEY
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Over the next few months, hundreds of polls will be conducted across the United States to predict the outcome of the midterm elections. These polls will range in topic from gay rights, to abortion, to gun control, to taxes, to the Ten Commandments. However, it doesn't matter what the topic is, as all of these polls will inevitably prove one point: Americans disagree on everything. Not only do we disagree, we disagree vehemently.

In a Gallup Poll conducted in Jan. 2008, for example, more than two-thirds of Americans report giving "quite a lot" of thought to elections. It's comforting to know people are paying attention. Unfortunately, all of this focus on the election seems to go hand-in-hand with a focus on what divides us as a nation.

We hear fierce debate on talk shows, on

newscasts and even from the candidates on politically and socially divisive issues like abortion and gay rights. It is easy to believe that is what the election should be about, but such a belief is incorrect. Though there are many issues on which people do not agree, there are a few — a very important few — on which we do. According to interviews with American citizens that were conducted during President Obama's last senatorial campaign, there are some beliefs that seem to hold true across the board: those regarding race, religion and class.

For example: The belief that anyone who is willing to work should be able to find a job that pays a decent wage. Or the belief that we should leave the next generation better off than the ones that came before. Or the desire to be safe from both criminals and terrorists; for clean air and clean water; to be able to spend time at home with family. These hopes that we will forever hold in common should define the next elections,

not those issues that divide us.

In choosing who will represent us in the years to come, we are choosing the voice of our people. The whole nation must be behind a final decision on election night — not just the voters who check certain names at the polls, voting along divisive party lines. It is important that we choose representatives who are genuinely looking to help our country move forward and not just looking for another partisan political victory.

Social progress will not be made by one side forcing the other to bend to its political will. It will be made through discussion and compromise and remembering that there is much more that unites us than divides us.

It is only by focusing on reaching those goals we have in common, rather than focusing on those issues on which we will never agree, that we as a nation will be able to move forward.

Potomac tokes and t'oughts

BY GREGORY BEACH

I've been in Washington, D.C. this semester and I could probably give some insight and perspective into what's going on down here. But really, I am so ridiculously tired of talking about Washington politics. So, I'm going to write about the legalization of weed. Where to begin? Oh man, I feel like so much is going on in the world of cannabis legalization that it's hard to catch you up. Rather, I would like to stress to you my confidence in a prediction that I made in the beginning of this school year. I had said that I thought cannabis will be legalized before 2010 is over. It seems clearer now than it ever did. Still skeptical? Well, read on.

Exhibit A — California: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has said that it is time to debate marijuana legalization. A bill to legalize the plant passed in its committee this year; unfortunately, the legislative session ended shortly after, and the slate was wiped clean. A 2009 Field Poll reports that 56 percent of Californians support legalization. There is an initiative to legalize on the ballot in 2010, a gubernatorial election year. If you can't put this all together and see electoral success, well, you need to stop hanging around with all those pessimists. They're bad news bears.

California, along with many states throughout the Union, is going through tough economic times. In this instance, "tough economic times" means that the state's treasury is broke with tens of billions of dollars in debt. It has been estimated that legalizing marijuana would produce \$1.4 billion in tax revenue. While it may not save California, it will make the decline a little less painful. The icing on the cake is California's existing legal system of marijuana distribution. The medical marijuana industry in California is booming, and though it has its institutional flaws, it is not the disaster that many have predicted it would have been.

Exhibit B — the West Coast (as a region): Oregon and Washington also have initiatives on the 2010 ballots that would legalize cannabis. Though neither have officially qualified, their ultimate qualification seems

inevitable. This of course means that there is a chance, however unlikely, that the entire West Coast could legalize. I may be visiting the "Left Side" for the first time this summer; I'll report my impressions from the ground when I return.

Exhibit C — the Obama administration: In 2004, President Barack Obama claimed that he was in favor of "decriminalizing" marijuana. His medical marijuana policies since taking office have been a major victory for states' rights advocates; though there have been a few rogue Drug Enforcement Administration raids, the situation is vastly superior to the Bush years. While the drug czar, Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy Gil Kerlikowske, claims that legalization is not in his or the president's vocabulary, he also refuses to say that the federal government will take action against any state that legalizes. I think the White House has too much to deal with to fight a battle over marijuana. Come on, the president inhaled frequently; that was, after all, the point. Say what you will about this administration, they aren't idiots. They understand that the current drug policy, especially that of marijuana, is unsustainable. These harsh drug laws have consequences for the individual (their loss of liberty) and society, which brings me to...

Exhibit D — the Mexican drug war: Since the Mexican military escalated action against the drug cartels in 2006, 19,603 people have been killed. That figure is more than the American casualties for Iraq, Afghanistan and Sept. 11 combined, and it's all happening just south of the border. The problem is so pervasive that a military victory is impossible. While the Mexican government fights a futile war, the United States government ignores its central role in the conflict. Or does it ... "Our insatiable demand for illegal drugs fuels the drug trade ... Our inability to prevent weapons from being illegally smuggled across the border to arm these criminals causes the deaths of police officers, soldiers and civilians ... I feel very strongly we have a co-responsibility," U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said on March 26, 2009. OK, so the United States acknowledges it

is at fault here. America has smeared egg on its own face ... so when is it going to get around to wiping it off?

I must say that I am most convinced that the federal government will not intervene in the West Coast's legalization experiment because of the war in Mexico. Mexico has already shown its drug reform intentions by legalizing the possession of small amounts of all drugs in 2009. The Obama administration — Vice President Joe Biden notwithstanding — must be aware of how ridiculous the criminalization of cannabis is. They also understand the very real threat to national security posed by the endless Mexican conflict. If nothing else, Obama has proven to be non-ideological, relatively speaking. I am certain that he understands that cannabis legalization will happen eventually. Why not let California take the political heat and win some points with conservatives by playing up the state rights card?

I know it seems crazy. The United States of America is at a tipping point. We need to make some decisions about how we're going to deal with our problems. The War on Drugs is one of those problems. The legalization of cannabis could usher in a new day of more open and honest discussion of drug policy reform. The only way the Mexican drug war can be won is if all illegal drugs are taken out of criminal hands. Regardless, the legalization of cannabis would reap significant benefits almost immediately. No longer would the criminalization of marijuana be used as a tool of racial prejudice, such as the case of New York City's disproportionately black and Latino arrests for marijuana possession. No longer would it be used to take children away from their parents. Farmers would again tap into the rich resource that is the hemp plant. It's only a matter of time, but that doesn't mean we should just sit around and wait for it. People need to be vocal about their opposition to the current drug regime or nothing will change. If we're loud enough, by the end of this year, we will live in a much greener country.

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Idiots have rights, too



I like to give credit where credit is due, and, as such, I must thank my girlfriend Ann for bringing up this week's topic over a few beers and a plate of nachos at the Joshua Tree Bar and Grill this past Saturday night. She's amazing for many reasons, but that she's willing to talk politics with me over beer and nachos is a big one. But that's for another column.

While snacking, the conversation turned to the sideshow that is Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) of Topeka, Kan. WBC has had its fair share of notoriety since its insanity first hit the national stage in 1998, when it picketed Matthew Shepard's funeral. WBC has, in fact, been holding "services" since 1955 and, since 1991, has conducted "43,156 peaceful demonstrations," according to their website.

WBC is most infamously known, however, for its protesting at military funerals; WBC believes that each American soldier killed in combat has been killed by God as a "righteous judgment against an evil nation," and that America is doomed because of its acceptance of gays, Jews and Catholics, among others. On its website, WBC states that "decadent, depraved, degenerate and debauched America, having bought the lie that it's OK to be gay, has thereby changed the truth of God into a lie." These are scary people.

WBC made national headlines recently because of court proceedings in which the father of a soldier killed in Iraq — whose funeral WBC protested — brought suit against WBC. The suit was dismissed, and he must now pay WBC \$16,500 to cover court fees. That's right; the man whose son's funeral was protested by idiots waving "Thank God for Dead Soldiers" signs must pay those idiots 16 grand. A donation site was opened and the grieving Snyder family very quickly received enough money to pay the court fees.

The administrative decision ordering Snyder to pay court fees was a legal technicality that didn't need to happen if the authorities so chose. But the issue here is not a matter of legal fees — the call to outlaw WBC protests and to put an end to the church's hate-filled noisemaking has been steadily getting louder after the court ordered Snyder to pay WBC.

I in no way condone WBC's actions or religious views, if you can even call their hate speech that. What they do represents nothing less than a disgusting, sadistic and utterly vile display of willful ignorance. One cannot help but wonder how on earth anyone can believe any of the garbage WBC prides itself on spewing. In short, WBC is an unfortunate scab on the rear end of society.

But WBC does have a constitutional right to freedom of speech, regardless of how utterly contemptible its protests and views are. Limiting picketing, as many have called for, is in direct violation of the First Amendment. As long as WBC members do not get into an altercation with others, they must be left alone. It's for this reason that groups like the Patriot Guard Riders, a group of motorcyclists who show up to counter WBC pickets in overwhelming numbers, have formed. For every protest group, a counter-protest group is allowed to attend — many have formed to counter WBC in a number of ways.

The moment any restriction on freedom of speech occurs at the national level is the moment a slide down a very slippery slope of speech regulation and censorship begins. What makes America an amazing country is the freedom to speak what one truly believes. A collection of noisy hatemongers should not be the cause for a restriction of one of America's greatest freedoms. If Americans are truly offended by WBC, then they too should exercise their first amendment rights and allow the collective roar of decency to drown out the whimper of hate from WBC.

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Road to the Vatican's recovery

BY TANYA GHAREMANI
The Daily Titan

With great power comes great responsibility, and subsequently, a lot of cover-ups. Politicians, big businesses, you name it — there are always secrets kept from the masses for the sake of building a better public image. This doesn't make it right, of course, but it isn't surprising when someone comes out with an admission of an extramarital affair or embezzlement.

But when it comes to religion and the face of the Catholic Church, more care needs to be paid to the things they see fit to hide from everybody — mostly because the things they hide from everybody tend to be affairs between elderly priests and young boys.

Documents recently surfaced that suggest Pope Benedict XVI may have been deeply involved with covering up the cases of sexual abuse that have long plagued the church, an action that was supposedly rooted in a fear that the news would cause a scandal.

Oh, really? And they didn't think that a bigger scandal would arise from a cover-up? A scandal about a scandal is so much worse. I really can't understand how that even occurred to them as being the more favorable choice. A priest's sex scandal might be a public relations nightmare, but it's also a matter of enacting justice — priests are

certainly not above the law.

You can't just pat them on the head, ground them for a week and say that they'll learn from their mistakes. The abusers are, to put it bluntly, criminals. That's impossible to deny. If the church isn't handling the punishment correctly, the law needs to be applied to ensure that these crimes don't just slip through the cracks of the justice system.

Given the massive amount of child abuses being reported in light of the scandal — hundreds have been reported so far — one has to wonder what the control variable has been amongst priests that makes this happen so often all across the world. And, so far, there's really only been one thing that could quite possibly be it.

It's no secret that priests are required to be celibate. Though many would argue that this isn't a matter of abstaining from sex and rather an issue of the sexuality of priests, let me put it this way — what happens in prisons that are all same-sex? Inmates often have sexual relations with one another because they would be forced to be celibate otherwise.

The fact that priests are required to be celibate doesn't make the child abuse right or the least bit understandable, but it does present a possible reason for the massive amount of abuse cases. The idea of abolishing the requirement should at least be

explored and taken into consideration, rather than just dismissing the allegations of abuse and the cover-up as "petty gossip" (which a senior Vatican cardinal actually did in defense of Pope Benedict XVI's involvement in the cover-up).

The requirement of priesthood celibacy is rooted in old Catholic Church traditions that date back as far as the 11th century. A thousand years later, though, it seems like the meaning has whittled down to nothing but preserving a longstanding tradition.

It would change nothing in the Catholic Church if the celibacy requirement was lifted. If priests were allowed to have sex, the temptation wouldn't be there at all. In reality, the real crime here isn't that the church tried to cover it up, but that the abuse ever happened in the first place.

It's time for the Catholic Church to re-evaluate its approach to sex, not only to rid itself of a pointless tradition that has long been outdated, but also to hopefully put a stop to the child abuse that keeps happening under their watch. If they don't, and allegations of child abuse keep arising, the fact of the matter is that they'll lose what supporters they have left — even the most devoutly religious couldn't possibly condone that behavior, and hopefully they wouldn't want to be a part of a church where it manages to occur so frequently. It is time for the Vatican to recover its image.

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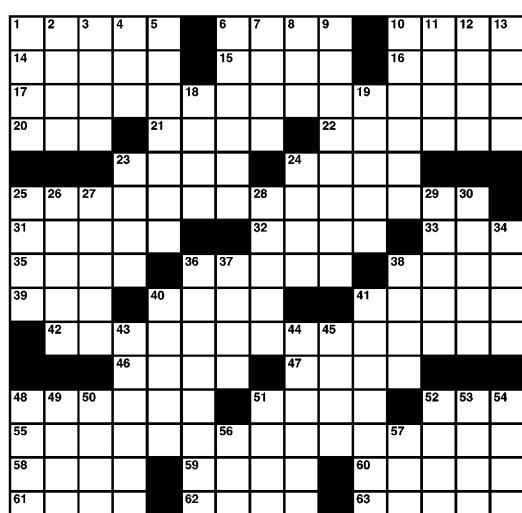
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By Donna S. Levin

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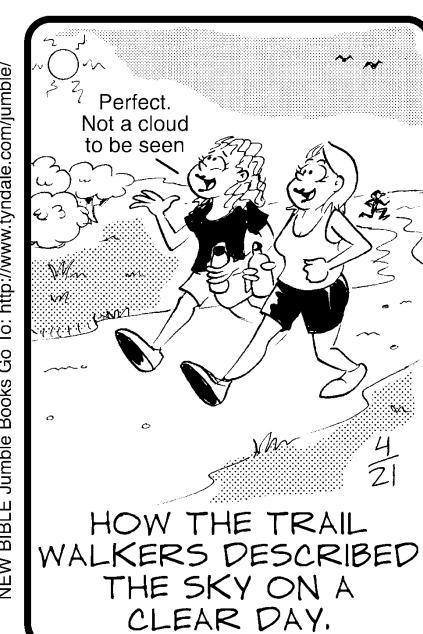
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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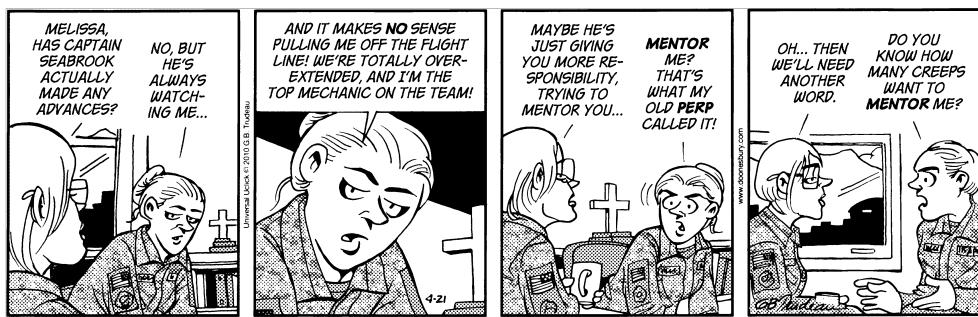
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At 2-3 in conference, Jumbos have just three NESCAC matches left

MEN'S TENNIS

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Nick Lebedoff and sophomore Dicken Chaplin, 4-4, before dropping the final four games to cede the match.

"Williams served well, and we didn't have the opportunity to break, and our returns weren't as crisp as they should have been," Fountain said. "They also returned really well, and kept their composure on the big points, which led to their two breaks."

The loss came shortly after the Jumbos took down the Cardinals, 8-1, for just their second conference win of the year.

"We felt going into the Wesleyan match, similar to the Hamilton match [which Tufts won on April 11], that if we played well, we had the tools to win, and I think that we came out and really played well," Rosen said.

The Jumbos started out quickly, dominating the doubles matches. Tufts' No. 1 tandem of Victoria and Fountain continued its impressive season winning their match over Wesleyan sophomore Michael Piderit and first-year Jeff Legunn, 8-5.

At the No. 2 doubles spot, Barad and freshman Andrew Lutz combined to defeat Wesleyan freshmen Ravy Uong and Alex Hirsch, 8-2. Early on, the match was closely contested, but at 2-2, Barad and Lutz broke serve and coasted the rest of the way for a commanding victory.

Meanwhile, at the No. 3 spot, senior tri-captain Daniel Landers and freshman Mark Westerfield had a considerably more difficult time shutting down the Wesleyan tandem of sophomores Robert Troyer and Brian McDermott. McDermott and Troyer proved to be



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With his decisive victory in the no. 4 singles spot, sophomore Sam Laber sealed the deal for the Jumbos, who toppled the Cardinals 8-1.

tough competition for the Tufts duos, battling back in the match getting on serve down 7-6, but Westerfield and Landers broke to win the match 8-6.

In singles, Tufts won five of the six matches, the lone loss coming in the No. 1 position from senior tri-captain Andrew Cohen, who lost in a tough match 6-1, 2-6, (10-6). But the rest of the singles performances yielded winning results.

Barad continued his impressive season, winning in the No. 5 singles 6-3, 6-3 over Wesleyan first-year Don Kleckner, while sophomore Sam Laber won his No. 4 singles match, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2, getting the fifth point for the Jumbos and clinching the match.

In the sixth singles slot, junior Tony Carucci endured a tough match, blowing a 5-3 lead in the first set in which he had set points, losing 7-5. Carucci then regained his composure and focus, winning the second set 6-0 and closing out the match with a 10-7 win in the super-tiebreaker.

The Jumbos continued their busy schedule, taking on non-conference opponent Wheaton College on Tuesday. Results were not available at press time. The squad will then take on Trinity (10-3, 2-2 NESCAC) at home on the Voute Courts in a last-ditch effort to garner some NESCAC wins before the season rounds out.

"Trinity has always been one of the top teams, but this year they are not as highly ranked as they have been in past years," Rosen said. "We haven't beaten Trinity since 2007. They are a very talented team, but I think we will have a better shot against Trinity than we had against Williams, and everybody will have to play phenomenally well."

Tufts will try to correct errors in the field

SOFTBALL

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three in the second and another three in the fifth, an inning that included two errors by the Jumbos. Tufts had four in the game and seven total in the doubleheader.

"We are always looking to improve," Sullivan said. "Defense is a place to win championships, and our goal is to win a NESCAC championship, so that is definitely an area we are going to be focusing on."

Tufts managed to chip into the lead, scoring once in the bottom of the fifth, but were not able to complete the comeback. They loaded the bases with two outs in the bottom of the seventh, but Iuppa grounded out to second to end the game.

Due to rain, the two teams only played two of their scheduled three games over the weekend. The makeup game, which in all likelihood will decide first place in the NESCAC East, will take place next Monday, after Trinity wraps up its conference slate with a three-game series versus Bowdoin. The Jumbos, who lost on Monday to Div. II UMass Lowell, 6-1, still will have a set with Colby beginning on May 30.

"We showed that they are not unstoppable," said Santone of the Bantams. "They have a handful of really good batters, but my team proved on Sunday that those hitters can be shut down. If we take care of the ball in the infield, and move the ball around well, there is no question that we can get another win against Trinity."

137,000

Dollars that Cincinnati Reds pitcher Edinson Volquez lost out on yesterday after testing positive for performance-enhancing drugs. The former All-Star was suspended for 50 games, costing him about one-third of his annual salary, or about \$137,000. Currently

on the disabled list after elbow surgery, Volquez is being allowed to start serving his suspension even while he is inactive. The 26-year-old right-hander went 17-6 with a 3.21 ERA for the Reds in 2008 before being plagued by injuries last season.

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Times freshman Janice Lam of the women's tennis team hit her doubles partner, classmate Lindsay Katz, in the back of the neck in Saturday's upset of the No. 11-ranked doubles team in the region. During the tiebreaker versus Williams sophomore Kristin Alotta and junior Nikki Reich, the Tufts pair fell behind 4-1 but roared back, capped off by an ace from Lam to take the tiebreaker, 7-5, and the overall match, 9-8(5). Ultimately, it was not enough as the defending national champion Ephs beat the Jumbos, 7-2.

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Hits the baseball team pounded out in a two-game slate versus UMass Dartmouth on Monday. One day after sweeping NESCAC East rival Trinity, the Jumbos continued their recent offensive firepower, amassing 27 total runs in 10-6 and 17-3 wins. In the first game, junior outfielder Chase Rose went 4-for-5 with five RBIs, while junior David Orlovitz and sophomore Matt Collins mashed home runs on Huskies Field in each of the two contests. The Jumbos had 13 multi-hit games over the course of the day as well.

576

Points Dwight Howard of the Orlando Magic received in voting for the NBA Defensive Player of the Year award, which he won for the second consecutive season. His nearest competitor, Josh Smith of the Atlanta Hawks, earned just 136 points. With 13.2 rebounds and 2.8 blocks per game, Howard also leads the league in both categories for the second consecutive season — becoming the only player in the history of the league to do so.

652

Pitches thrown by the staffs of the Cardinals and Mets during their 20-inning marathon on Saturday night in Busch Stadium. New York eked out a 2-1 win in the longest major league game since the 22-inning showdown between San Diego and Colorado in 2008. The Mets and Cardinals used a combined 19 pitchers and needed 6 hours and 53 minutes to determine a victor.

7.6

Goals below the preview per-game average that the men's lacrosse team was held to in its first loss of the season on Saturday versus Conn. College. The No. 6-ranked Jumbos entered the contest of undefeated NESCAC opponents averaging 13.6 in their first 10 wins but were held to a measly six versus a staunch Camels defense. No. 8 Conn. College scored eight goals itself at home, just enough to take over sole possession of first place in the conference.

INSIDE MLB

Take me out to the seven-hour ballgame

Mets, Cardinals duel for 20 innings on Saturday

BY DANIEL RATHMAN
Daily Editorial Board

It was a beautiful day for a ballgame at Busch Stadium on Saturday afternoon, but unlike Chicago Cubs' Hall-of-Famer Ernie Banks, the New York Mets and St. Louis Cardinals had no intention of playing two. Of course, they did that and then some, in a six hour and 53 minute marathon that seemed destined to drag on into eternity.

For seven innings, the contest was one of the finest pitchers' duels of the young season, as a pair of southpaws — veteran Johan Santana and rookie Jaime Garcia — matched goose-eggs. Santana departed having allowed four hits and a walk, while striking out nine. Garcia surrendered only one hit, walked two and whiffed five.

When right-hander Kyle McClellan came trotting in from the Cardinals' bullpen to begin the eighth, none of the 43,709 fans in attendance could have predicted that he would be the first of 17 hurlers to appear in relief during the game. That list included the Mets' No. 4 starter Mike Pelfrey and two Cardinals position players, infielder Felipe Lopez and outfielder Joe Mather.

After 18 innings — the equivalent of two full games — of play, the game remained scoreless. The Mets finally broke through in the top of the 19th, as outfielder Jeff Francoeur drove in shortstop Jose Reyes on a sacrifice fly. Those scoring at home marked it down simply as "SF-7," but the scorebook masked the hilarity of the play, which began on a 79-mph heater from Mather and ended in the glove of No. 4 starter Kyle Lohse, who proved surprisingly proficient at tracking down balls in the outfield.

Yet, the craziness had only just begun. Mets' closer Francisco Rodriguez got the call from manager Jerry Manuel, after reportedly warming up 10 times earlier in the contest and throwing about 100 pitches in the bullpen. Not surprisingly, K-Rod was gassed by the time he entered the game, and promptly surrendered an RBI single to Yadier Molina, plating Albert Pujols with the tying run.

Thanks to a position player making his first major league appearance on the mound, and a closer who was left dry humping in his bullpen for three hours, a game that was scoreless for 18 innings was knotted at one after 19.

Fortunately, the Mets scored again in the top of the 20th, this time on a sacrifice fly by Reyes, bringing home outfielder Angel Pagan. And their aforementioned



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In a 20-inning, 2-1 loss to the Mets, St. Louis manager Tony La Russa was forced to make some unconventional moves, like putting two position players on the mound when he ran out of pitchers.

No. 4 starter, Pelfrey, was credited with his first career save for preserving the 2-1 lead. K-Rod was handed the win, despite being the only New York pitcher to cough up a run in the game.

The game was the longest played in the majors since the Colorado Rockies needed 22 innings to edge the San Diego Padres on April 17, 2008. It remained scoreless longer than any big league contest since April 23, 1989, when the Los Angeles Dodgers and Montreal Expos were epically fruitless at the plate.

But both teams had plenty of chances to end the game much sooner. The Mets' leadoff man Reyes and the team's 3-4-5 tandem of David Wright, Jason Bay and Francoeur, were held to a combined 1-for-20, with three walks and nine strikeouts. The Cardinals, meanwhile, were a horrific 1-for-18 with runners in scoring position, and nearly stranded enough players on base (22) to fill an active roster.

Apart from Manuel's abuse of his ninth-inning man Rodriguez, the game featured plenty of other mindboggling managerial decisions. Redbirds skipper Tony La Russa,

widely regarded as one of the best managers in the league, badly misused his roster throughout the game, leaving his team short on both pitchers and position players.

Catcher Yadier Molina was forced to squat behind the plate for an unprecedented 20 innings and 311 pitches because his backup, Bryan Anderson, had been wasted as a pinch-hitter in the 16th. And in the 19th inning, La Russa was lucky to be bailed out by Molina, because he had made the inexplicable decision to have outfielder Ryan Ludwick — owner of a pathetic 16 steals on 28 attempts — try to swipe second with Albert Pujols in the batter's box. Although Ludwick actually beat the throw from catcher Henry Blanco, he was called out by second-base umpire Dana DeMuth, who was either trying his best to end the game or smacking La Russa with a dose of bad karma.

By the time Pelfrey induced the game-ending groundout from Ludwick in the 20th, both teams were simply glad it was over. And somewhere, the legendary Mr. Cub was surely smiling.

ETHAN LANDY | CALL ME JUNIOR

Say Hey, kid



For once, everyone should be jealous of Atlanta.

Not because it is an airport that is somehow characterized as a city (yes, I stole that joke from "Futurama," 1999-2003). At one point it might have been known for being home to Ludacris, but then he went and did a song with some 15-year-old pre-pubescent Aaron Carter-wannabe named Justin Bieber. And it isn't because of the Atlanta Hawks (no one cares about that team anyway), Coca-Cola, or anything having to do with Ted Turner — I hate to break it to Conan, but the only time I ever watch TBS is when it has on old episodes of "The Office." But hey, it's his business if he wants to have "Tyler Perry's House of Payne" as a lead-in.

There is only one reason to envy Atlanta: It gets to watch Jason Heyward, the best young hitter in baseball. All the Braves' rookie has done in his first 12 games in the majors is hit a three-run home run in his first at bat against the Chicago Cubs, hit .302 with a 1.004 OPS, and drive in 15 runs, tying him for second in the National League in that category. To top it all off, Heyward capped his first two weeks in the bigs with a walk-off, two-run single in the ninth inning against the Colorado Rockies on Sunday to give Atlanta the 4-3 win. How's that for an introduction?

A lot of young prospects in baseball get overhyped. Heyward is just 20 years old, but after a spring in which he smashed cars outside of the Braves' spring training complex and drew comparisons to the likes of Ken Griffey Jr., Albert Pujols and even Hank Aaron — that last one from his manager, Bobby Cox — he has lived up to the billing as the best prospect in baseball so far this season.

Granted, it is still early. There is still time for Heyward to be the next Jeff Francoeur, the former young gun in Atlanta who had a few great years early but has since seen a decline in his numbers. Or he could even be Jeremy Hermida, a star-caliber player with all the tools who has never fully put things together. But my guess is that he will continue to back up the hype. I'll go out on a small limb, at the very least, and say that he isn't the next Alex Gordon, Brandon Wood or Andy Marte — all top-10 prospects who have fizzled at the Major League level.

Now, as a Red Sox fan — despite the team's slump of late — I probably don't have much of a right to be coveting what the Braves have, even if I have had to endure watching an outfield of Hermida, Bill Hall and J.D. Drew for the last week or so. But I can't help wishing that I could watch Heyward playing for my team for the next 10 years.

It reminds me of 2005, when the Sox traded Hanley Ramirez to the Florida Marlins for Josh Beckett and Mike Lowell. I can't complain about that deal too much, since it did help bring a second World Series trophy in a four-year span. But I still feel like I was cheated out of watching one of the best young players in the game in his prime. To this day, I wonder what it would have been like to have Ramirez in a Boston uniform.

I just hope Braves fans realize how lucky they are. A player like Heyward doesn't come along very often, and they get to see him every day. I mean, how many guys nowadays are being mentioned in the same breath as Hank Aaron, even if it was just concerning the sound of the ball off his bat?

Now if only TBS still broadcasted all the Braves games, then I would have another reason to watch it. You know, until Conan comes on.

Women to compete in New England Championships

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Wisc. in early June on the line.

With the top co-ed sailors admirably representing the Jumbos at Conn. College, members of the nationally ranked No. 14 women's team competed at the Wick and Shrew Regatta at the Coast Guard Academy. Racing in FJ boats, Tufts succumbed to inconsistent racing conditions, which alternated from beautiful on Saturday to a shifty breeze that never seemed to settle on Sunday.

At the Coast Guard, the Jumbos took home 12th place, 13 points behind Rhode Island and comfortably ahead of 13th-place Vermont. Racing in the A Division boat were senior Peggy Tautz and junior Margaret Rew, who teamed up to take ninth place in their division behind a first-place finish in the fourth race. The B Division boat of junior captain Meghan Pesch and sophomore Alyson Yee did not fare as well, totaling 140 points and just five top-10 finishes in the 13 races.

"I think it probably could have done better," Pesch said. "It was tough conditions with the really shifty winds, so it was something that we weren't necessarily used to practicing in. But both myself and Peggy had good races and bad, and we definitely made mistakes to learn for them."

Also racing in FJs over the weekend was the co-ed squad at the Oberg Trophy at BU, where the Jumbos placed sixth out of 16 teams amid constant wet and rainy conditions. Leading the way was the B Division boat of freshmen William Hutchings and Amelia Quinn, who placed fifth with 43 points, eight behind Roger Williams in the standings.

The pair of first years finished inside the

top 10 in all eight races and were a model of consistency, with three sixth-places, two fifth-places and a runner-up showing. Despite capturing the first race of the regatta, sophomores Nicholas Russo-Larsson and Reeves Bright immediately slowed down in the A Division boat, finishing in 12th in the ensuing race and ending the regatta in eighth-place.

The freshmen on the co-ed squad took advantage of the friendly home waters in the first year-only Gibb Trophy on Sunday, as both the Tufts 1 and the Tufts 2 teams placed in the top three, with the former capturing the overall title. First-years Andrew Meleney and Mackenzie Loy, racing in the 1A boat, finished first overall after winning three races and never placing out of the top eight in any of the 12 heats.

"It's always exciting to have really good freshmen; it makes everyone more motivated to practice and to do well on weekends," Hornos said. "The group is really good and exciting to be around. It makes me want to teach them all the things that they probably won't learn on their own but will take four years of experience to learn."

The 2A boat of Albert Nichols and Charlotte Welbourne, likewise, never placed outside the top nine and had seven top-three finishes. It was a dominating performance across the board for the Jumbos' boats. In the third race, for instance, the four Tufts boats finished first, second, third and fifth. Matthew Russell and Mariel Marchard, in the 1B boat, placed third overall to give the Jumbos a clean top-three sweep in the overall standings.

The Tufts women have only the New England Championships and Reed Trophy at Brown University this weekend left between

now and the National Championships in late May. Last year, a relatively young unit did not qualify for Nationals, so doing so this year at Brown would indicate marked improvement, according to Pesch.

"It would be awesome, especially for the seniors to end their careers going to Nationals," Pesch said. "It would be a great way to see that we've improved so much over the years. I think for any sport, qualifying and doing that is something we strive for, so it would mean a lot to me."

And with just one weekend separating the co-ed squad and the ICSA Semifinals in Charleston, the co-ed Jumbos will turn their attention to the upcoming Admirals Cup at Kings Point, while the young members will race in the NE Frosh Single Div. Champs, Priddy Trophy at Mass. Maritime.

Either way, this weekend provides the final tune-up before one of the biggest races of the year, which should determine how the rest of the spring season shapes up. Sailing in 420s, the boats that they will sail in at the semifinals, at Mass. Maritime will provide the Jumbos with ample experience for their biggest regatta to date.

"We just really want to get used to the boats," Brill said. "It's really nice to get into the boats that we will be using at semifinals to get used to it. I haven't been to nationals before, and it would mean a lot for me to make it there and even more. If Tomas and I do well like we did at quarterfinals, it would be a pretty solid way to top off my career."

"Last year, we nearly won the semifinals, so we know we can do well there and I think that if we get the top half, top nine, then we'll qualify for nationals," Hornos added. "I think we have a really good chance, so I'd be more excited to do well at nationals."

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SOFTBALL

Casey at the bat: Sullivan's walk-off keeps hopes alive

Split with Bantams gives Jumbos chance of winning NESCAC East

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As senior co-captain Casey Sullivan stepped into the batter's box in the eighth inning of Sunday's second game against



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With her second homer of the season, freshman second baseman Emily Beinecke, left, contributed to a monstrous four-run first inning in Game 1 of the Jumbos' doubleheader with Trinity. Tufts, though, couldn't hold on, falling 6-5.

teams in the NESCAC East are. The Bantams took the first game 6-5, but the Jumbos responded in the second in dramatic fashion, pulling within one game of Trinity in the conference standings.

"There was definitely a sense of urgency after the first game, and it was important for us to bounce back, because the games mean a lot both for winning the league and seeding in the tournament," Sullivan said.

While Sullivan's heroics gave the Jumbos the victory, it would never have been possible without the clutch pitching of junior Izzie Santone. While she did not dominate hitters over her eight innings of work, she managed to consistently work out of trouble. The Bantams put a runner in scoring position in five different innings and amassed nine hits, but only managed two runs, one of which was unearned.

"We looked at it with no fear," Santone said.

"We knew that if we showed them no mercy, they would have to get a whole string of hits in a row in order to score. So in those innings, we knew we had the ability to shut them down even if they did have the advantage and it worked."

This was largely due to Santone's ability to keep the ball on the ground. Only one Bantam flew out, while Santone induced 18 ground-outs and struck out another five. This made it hard for Trinity to move runners, and it showed in their inability to produce runs.

"If you can keep the ball low as a pitcher it is a lot harder to hit hard," Santone said. "I try to do it every game, but this time I did it especially well. When they hit the ball low they tend to hit it down, and you can keep the batters off their guard."

For the Jumbos, the rest of their offensive output all came in the first inning. Already down 1-0 after a throwing error by junior

catcher Julia Silberman with two outs allowed an easy run for Trinity. Tufts responded quickly, taking advantage of sophomore pitcher Lindsay Gibbons' early control problems. Sophomore outfielder Lizzy Iuppa worked a walk, and freshman second baseman Emily Beinecke followed it up by lacing a double into the left-centerfield gap, putting runners on first and third. A sacrifice fly by Sullivan and an RBI single by senior outfielder Stefanie Tong later, the Jumbos had taken the 2-1 lead.

"There is a rhythm that goes on in the game that sets the tone for your team, so when you can come back from a disadvantage in less than a half an hour, it elevates the rhythm your team plays at," Santone said.

After the Bantams tied the game in the top of the third, both offenses settled down. Trinity threatened in the sixth, but Santone got sophomore catcher Kristina Yu to groundout with runners on second and third and two outs. Julia Silberman led off the bottom of the seventh with a double, but the Jumbos stranded her there after a failed sacrifice bunt. The stalemate was not to be broken again until Sullivan's shot in the eighth.

In the first game of the doubleheader, Tufts jumped all over junior pitcher Kristen Anderson in the bottom of the first. She would only last a third of an inning after being tagged for four runs, one of which came on a home run by Beinecke, her second of the season. Sophomore Katherine Poulos came in to stem the damage, but she did much more than that, only allowing one unearned run on five hits for the rest of the game.

"It was mainly us not taking care of our at-bats and not focusing in on hitting our pitch," Sullivan said. "It was more what we were struggling to do at the plate than what she was doing well."

Meanwhile, the Bantams picked away at freshman pitcher Rebecca DiBiase, scoring

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MEN'S TENNIS

National power Ephs overwhelm Jumbos

Loss ends mini winning streak

BY JESSE WEINBERG
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Last Tuesday, the men's tennis team faced Wesleyan University with the opportu-

nity to build its first NESCAC winning streak of the season, and the Jumbos delivered with an 8-1 victory. Unfortunately for Tufts, its brief two-game mark came to an abrupt end at the hands of national No. 12 Williams over the weekend thanks to a 9-0 drubbing.

On Saturday, the Jumbos again faced a NESCAC rival in the Williams Ephs, who came into the match ranked No. 12 in the country. In the doubles matches, the Jumbos were competitive, challenging the Ephs and losing three close matches 8-4, 8-5 and

8-4, respectively.

In the singles, sophomore Kai Victoria battled valiantly in the No. 3 spot against Williams senior Jeremy Weinberger. After losing the first set 6-3, Victoria battled back, winning the second set 6-1 before losing the match in a tiebreaker 10-6.

"Against Williams we started out in all three doubles matches playing very well, and a few things just didn't go our way, and then Williams pulled ahead," senior tri-captain Andrew Rosen said. "Williams is one of the best teams in the country. We came to play and gave it our best effort, but they played better than we did."

Victoria's match was the only close one, though, as Rosen fell 6-0, 6-0, and the rest of his teammates followed suit in straight sets. Only freshman Ben Barad, at No. 5 singles, won more than three games in any given set, but also fell, 6-2, 7-5.

The sophomore combination in No. 1 doubles of Victoria and Jake Fountain also fought hard against Williams. Victoria and Fountain were tied with Ephs senior co-captain

SAILING

Brill, Hornos lead squad to semis

Tufts finishes fifth at New England Dinghy Championships

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For the co-ed sailing team, it's all about Charleston.

CO-ED SAILING

New England Championship Regatta
at New London, Conn., Saturday-Sunday

1. Boston College	177
2. Yale	217
3. Brown	232
4. Roger Williams	250
5. Tufts	264

Thanks to a dominating performance at this past weekend's New England Dinghy Championships from A-Division members Tomas Hornos and Rachael Brill, the nationally ranked No. 10 Jumbos will be heading to Charleston, S.C. for the national semifinals on the heels of a fifth-place team finish at Conn. College.

Hornos and Brill, who are both seniors, finished second in the A Division, just 12 points behind Boston University (BU) junior Tyler Sinks and freshman Lauren McKenna. Skipper Hornos and crew Brill took home first-place finishes in two races in addition to runner-up showings in four races. The duo, all told, captured top-10 finishes in 13 of the 17 races, earning 97 points toward the team total.

"It was pretty clutch from the team," Hornos said. "It's one of our last three regattas in college, so it



COURTESY KEN LEGLER

Thanks to a clutch performance by the A-Division duo of Tomas Hornos and Rachael Brill (left), marked by 13 top-10 finishes, the Jumbos are headed to the national dinghy semifinals.

was really nice to end on a high note and to keep the season going — basically if we don't qualify our season ends. Now we can go farther and hopefully get to nationals. I didn't want it to end early, so it was awesome."

In shifty wind conditions similar to those at its home course on the Mystic River, Tufts had to additionally deal with the presence of a current at Conn. College. Though the Jumbos were not used to that, Brill noted that she and Hornos used it to their advantage.

"Especially in the direction the wind was coming from in both days, it was very unpredictable, but Tomas and I played the shifts really well," Brill said. "On the second day, the current was pushing people, so you can't get caught in that and have

to understand what it does."

Racing in the B Division for the Jumbos were senior co-captain Andrew Criezis, who skippered the first eight races, sophomore Massimo Soriano, who skippered the final nine, and senior co-captain Jennifer Watkins, who crewed all 17 races. Though the boat ultimately finished in 11th place in its division, the trio teamed up to place in the top 10 nine times, including a victory in the ninth race and a runner-up showing in the penultimate heat.

The B Division boat's 167 points was more than enough to give Tufts fifth place in the regatta, well inside the top-8 mark necessary to qualify for Regionals, with a shot at heading to the national regatta in Madison,

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