

Occupy Somerville plans rally, protest of Bank of America

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Daily Editorial Board

Members of the Occupy Somerville movement, including Tufts students, will hold a rally tomorrow in Davis Square in protest of the business practices of Bank of America Corporation and other major financial institutions.

Protesters will gather in Davis Square Statue Park and then walk down Highland Avenue to protest outside of Bank of America, according to an Occupy Somerville press release.

The rally will include speeches by local residents and students, signs and a performance by Somerville's Second Line Social Aid and Pleasure Society Brass Band.

Some attendees of the rally plan on closing their Bank of America accounts and withdrawing their money during the rally to protest the bank's practices, according to sophomore Rae Axner, a member of the Occupy movement.

"I'm closing my account, because in this economic system, it's really the only way to show Bank of America that we don't agree with their practices," Axner said.

She believes that Bank of America's policies profit its highest-earning executives at the expense of account holders.

"The only way to show them that we don't support practices like high-risk loans, credit default swaps ... is to hit them where it hurts, which is in their wallets," Axner said.

Bank of America was selected as the target of tomorrow's protest because it is one of the country's largest banks and did not pay federal taxes in 2009 and 2010, according to junior Matt McLaughlin, a member of the movement who helped organize the rally.

"The past two years, they have paid no taxes," McLaughlin said. "A year ago, they accepted billions of taxpayer dollars. They have actually gotten money back from the

government instead of paying taxes."

Protestors also selected Bank of America because it is one of the only large national banks that has a branch in Davis Square, according to Rand Wilson, a Somerville resident who helped organize the rally and has worked as a union organizer for over two decades.

"I think Bank of America has been singled out as one of the bad actors, one of the banks that's been really most abusive, but it's not the only one," Wilson told the Daily.

McLaughlin raised concerns that Bank of America may not allow protesters to close their accounts.

"There's a chance that they might give us a problem with removing our own money, in which case we're going to let the world know that that's how they operate," he said. "I hope they behave responsibly, because we plan on being responsible, and just treat us like the customers we are."

People who choose to close their Bank of America accounts should open accounts at small banks or credit unions, McLaughlin said.

Axner believes that it is important that Tufts students attend the rally to show solidarity with the City of Somerville.

"We've talked about how important it is to continue building a relationship between Tufts and Somerville through using this movement," Axner said.

She emphasized that working-class Somerville residents are on board to participate in the protest by closing their accounts. "It's not just rich college students and people with trust funds that are taking their money out," Axner said.

Axner believes the event will show the Occupy Boston movement and Bank of America that Somerville's working-class residents are aware of the bank's business practices.

"I think that it's important to show



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Occupy Somerville tomorrow will protest outside the Bank of America in Davis Square.

the city what's going on there and show Somerville residents that we can have somewhat of a voice here," Axner said.

McLaughlin and Wilson stressed that the event is meant to be peaceful.

"We're not going to be engaging in civil disobedience, we're not trying to get anybody arrested, we're not trying to do anything outside of speaking our mind," McLaughlin said.

"We want to emphasize that this will be a family-friendly, peaceful event, and we're hoping that it reflects all of Somerville," Wilson added.

Occupy Somerville formed after a group of Somerville residents visited the Occupy Boston encampment in October, according to Wilson.

"The first thing we did was when we

mobilized people to go down to the occupation at Boston," Wilson said. "Everybody in Somerville went down to Occupy Boston, but the response to that was so strong that we felt like we wanted to keep it going."

Occupy Somerville plans to have its first General Assembly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in Davis Square to give structure to the group and discuss different ways to implement its goals, according to McLaughlin.

"You don't have to physically occupy something to be a part of Occupy," McLaughlin said. "You don't need to get arrested to be a part of Occupy. You just need to speak your mind and let people know that you don't accept what's going on right now."

TCU senator proposes campus-wide key cards

BY AUDREY MICHAEL
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Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senator Harish Gupta, a freshman, is outlining a formal plan to install key card access to all dorm rooms over the course of the next several years.

Tilton Hall and Sophia Gordon Hall are the only two dorms on campus that presently allow students to access their rooms using their student ID cards to swipe in.

Rooms in Sophia Gordon were constructed to allow key card access when the building was completed in 2006, according to Office of Residential Life and Learning (ResLife) Director Yolanda King. The same system was installed in Tilton in August 2005, she added.

Gupta views the key card system as a significantly more convenient option for students to enter their rooms.

Key cards are also cheaper and faster to replace, according to Director of Emergency Management Geoffrey Bartlett.

Another advantage to the electronic system, Bartlett noted, is that with the lock and key systems most dorms have, the locks must be changed every year for security purposes, whereas the key swipes just need to be reprogrammed, saving time and money.

"[With key cards], the lock gets changed



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Tufts Community Union Senator Harish Gupta is looking into a project to extend electronic key card access to all campus dorm rooms.

immediately, as soon as you use your new ID card," Bartlett said. "If you have the card, you don't need anything else; you just have to swipe your card to get into the room."

Installing keyless dorm entry is an approach that definitely deserves investi-

gation, according to Director of Facilities Services Bob Burns.

"Going forward as we renovate dorms, it's something we're going to consider every time we do a major renovation," Burns said.

Gupta explained that the project would

be a several-year endeavor, as it would be impossible to install key cards for all dorm rooms over a short period of time. He expects that, if the university were to implement these changes, they would install the key cards over winter and summer breaks, when most students are not on campus.

One obstacle to the project will be the potentially high price tag, Gupta said. He is planning to request that the university transfer the cost to students by adding approximately \$50 to \$60 to students' tuition bills per year for as many years as it takes to pay off the bill. He is hoping to get a bank loan to finance the project.

The idea of using the same card to enter residential buildings and dorm rooms has existed since 2001, at a time when the university was first considering implementing electronic access to residence hall entryways. At the time, residents of South Hall indicated in a survey that they did not want to have to carry separate keys for their rooms and ID cards to enter the building.

At that time, the cost to install electronic systems in both the rooms and the entryways was prohibitive, Bartlett said.

After Tilton and Sophia Gordon received the key card systems, Public Safety planned to expand the program over a period of

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Deans, advisers walk line between privacy and parental involvement

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Helicopter parents face a dilemma. While they believe they should be allowed to check on their college student children, these children are also college students, and the university also treats them as independent adults. Tufts is therefore required to protect their confidentiality if parental interference is undesired.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act mandates that all schools receiving funding from the U.S. Department of Education must restrict parents' rights to access children's education records. Tufts is required to grant students their rights; it must balance this, however, with the push from parents to be involved in their children's academics.

According to Dean of Academic Advising and Undergraduate Study Carmen Lowe, official Tufts policy technically considers the student to be the only person responsible for his or her education and his or her adherence to university rules.

"Parents are not our students," Lowe said. "So by federal law we aren't allowed to share with them students' grades or other academic information."

If they do want their parents to see their final grade in a class, Tufts students can share such information by adding their parents to the MyJumbo online portal.

"Only a couple of years old, MyJumbo allows us to keep parents involved without constantly pressuring faculty and staff to violate federal law," Lowe explained.

It's not uncommon for the Dean's Office to receive calls or emails from concerned parents demanding explanations about

their children's academic performance. Lowe usually refers these parents to the associate deans, who interact with students more often.

"The associate deans try to act as buffers between parents and faculty," Lowe said. "At the college level, it is very inappropriate for parents to call faculty directly to question them about class policies or a student's progress."

According to Lowe, the majority of the information that parents need to know can already be found in the letter that she sends out together with Dean of Student Affairs Bruce Reitman every August.

In certain circumstances, as in cases of hospitalization or withdrawal from the university, the university makes a point to contact parents or guardians.

Most other situations can usually be resolved with better communication between parents and the student, according to Lowe.

The flow of information — and influence — between parents and students can become a point of contention when a student wants to major in a subject that their parents don't necessarily associate with a secure and well-paid profession. Julie Jampel, Supervising Clinician and Training Director at the Counseling Center, suggested that such a situation could cause distress.

"The frustration comes when students want to make their own choices despite parental disapproval and the fear of disappointing them," Jampel said.

Sophomore Katherine Lowe found herself in a similar situation with her parents when she decided to drop her intended chemistry major in favor of geology.

"My dad insisted that I should do a 'hard science' that teaches you important analytical skills and is supposed to be more useful in the future," she said.

Although the choice of a major seems to be a common point of tension between students and parents, the mere choosing of classes that satisfy parental expectations can also cause some sparks to fly.

Tensions flared between sophomore Ann Yacoubian and her father last year when she dropped Biology 13 with the intention to retake it, while staying in an acting class.

"My father was extremely disappointed and thought that my entire pre-med track was in jeopardy and that I was throwing my future away despite generally good grades," Yacoubian said.

She had to solicit help from her adviser, her dean and her biology professor in order to convince her father that the decision was in her best interest at the moment.

"Selling this one course adjustment to my parents was a battle," Yacoubian said. "I pretty much had to plead [with] my father not to contact the dean himself."

Aside from the occasional flare-up, though, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education and Program Director for Health Professions Advising Carol Baffi-Dugan said she has seen considerably less pressure from parents on their pre-med students than decades ago.

"Medicine is no longer the glamorous and lucrative career that it used to be, so parents are cautioning their children about going into medicine," she said. "In addition, more parents are involved across the board, so pre-meds don't stand out more than anyone else."

Across all majors, many college students welcome positive parental involvement and use their parents as a valuable resource in many areas. This includes career planning, Director of Career Services Jean Papalia said in an email to the Daily.

"We encourage parents to share their own experiences in the world of work, to speak with their students about jobs, employers and industries," she said. "Likewise, we urge students to think of their parents' network in arranging informational interviews to learn more about career fields."

Papalia cited the parent-student networking event on Parents Weekend last October as an example of the successful exchange of information across the generations and an easy way for students to connect with professionals.

"I try to keep my parents in the loop, because they are informed and really helpful about the current economy and the job hunt, so they could be a valuable resource about job opportunities," sophomore Alexandra Goldy said.

On the other hand, there is a line. "A successful college student must be independent and in control of their own choices academically and socially," Goldy said.

Jampel emphasized clear and respectful communication between parent and student in the cases of conflicts regarding choices of major, career paths and other academic matters.

"We work with students on how to make their own choices even in the face of parental disapproval," she said. "We encourage them to have adult-to-adult conversations and keep talking in a way that the parents would listen and eventually come around."

Specialized labs let engineering students develop practical skills

BY STEPHANIE HAVEN
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A student plays notes on a digital piano as a peer looks on, trying to discover more about each keystroke he makes. As part of their senior electrical engineering project, seniors Erik Formella, Calvin Hopkins and Charlie Powell spend several hours in one of the Halligan Hall labs every day, experimenting with how quickly a computer can recognize when someone plays a note on the piano and attempting to make the computer process this faster.

This project is one of about 15 current projects by senior students in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, according to the department's chair, Jeffrey Hopwood.

"I wish I was a student so I could do it," Hopwood said. "I just have to stand back and watch them, but it looks like they're having a lot of fun."

Students in the Chemical and Biological Engineering Department and the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department have access to special teaching labs where they can learn how to operate the tools they will need to be able to operate after graduation.

To receive accreditation as an engineering school, the School of Engineering must include lab courses in their curricular requirements for undergraduate students, according to Kyongbum Lee, associate professor and chair of the Chemical and Biological Engineering Department.

"There are certain areas of engineering where things can be more theoretical, but, for the most part, the expectation of an engineer is that they can understand



Engineering students benefit from a number of specialized labs dedicated to giving them hands-on experience with the tools they will need after graduation.

the theory and can put it into practice," Hopwood said.

While lab time requirements and prerequisites vary among the school's departments, underclassmen typically receive assignments to complete specific tasks in the teaching labs in order to learn the basics, Hopwood said.

As students progress through their four years, lab assignments become more open-ended and culminate in a student-created senior project, Lee said.

According to Lee, lab assignments are a major time investment for students but well worth the experience.

"You get to do something with your own hands, create data and be able to report

on it," Lee said. "We take it very seriously and we certainly commit ourselves a hundred percent."

Hopwood and Lee said they have typically heard requests from students for more opportunities to practice hands-on work during their undergraduate years.

"They're probably the most interesting thing we do because you get to use different tools you wouldn't get to use otherwise," junior Natalie Salk, a mechanical engineering major, said.

"Last year, for example, we used liquid nitrogen, which is pretty sweet because I've never seen that before. If you dip a finger in that, your hand is toast," Salk said. "It's probably the most exciting part."

Since many students request additional time in the teaching labs, the Department of Electrical Engineering will offer a junior design project next semester to give students earlier opportunities to have an open-ended design project.

Starting for the Class of 2016, this class will become a part of the required curriculum for electrical engineering majors, according to Hopwood.

"We want to have an environment where they can exercise their creativity, come up with ideas and test them out to design actual, working systems," Hopwood said. "We're trying to have students approach a problem from different ways: theoretically, practice and explaining it to someone else. It helps cement concepts, making it tangible."

According to Lee, the Chemical and Biological Engineering Department and the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department recently updated their labs to help teach students how to work modern equipment they will have to use with future employers.

Renovations to labs for the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation, will not be completed until Dec. 19, Professor and Chair of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department Kurt Pennell said in an email to the Daily.

Once open, the labs will foster a collaborative working environment, according to Pennell.

"Students said they wanted to see more state-of-the-art materials in the labs, so we've tried to accommodate that in the last couple years or so and people have responded very positively," Lee said.

Senator investigates feasibility of electronic access to all dorm rooms

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years, but the 2008 economic crisis led to the key card program being put on hold, Bartlett explained.

Gupta recently engaged in a discussion with various university administrators regarding the viability of the project, including Tufts University Police Department Officer Linda D'Andrea, Coordinator for Orientation and Administration Jamie Engle and Senior Construction Manager Ray Santangelo.

Gupta will need to coordinate with several offices across the university, including the Department of Public and Environmental Safety, the Facilities and Construction Department and ResLife before his plan can move forward.

Gupta said that the administrators with whom he has spoken thus far have been receptive to the idea.

"They've added their own ideas, like what can be done to implement the system, and they are accepting of the idea," he said.

Gupta's next step will be to create a formal proposal, including accurate financial information, to submit to Dean of Student Affairs Bruce Reitman.

He will need to get a majority of fellow senators to approve his project before he can officially begin working on it.

"Once I see that it's practical and can be implemented, I can get it passed by fellow senators, but I'm not going to do this until it's 100 percent feasible," he said.

After surveying a group of Tilton residents, Gupta found that those who currently employ key cards to enter their rooms are generally favorable toward the system.

Freshman Christopher Ghanny, who lives in Tilton, enjoys his means of accessing his room.

"As a Tilton resident I love my ID swipe," he said. "I need to have my ID on me all the time anyway. It just makes more sense to be able to swipe into my dorm, too."

STREET SMARTS: TUFTS' SARTORIAL SCENE

If students can look past the impending days full of long hours of staring at textbooks — or just putting them under their pillows in hopes of using osmosis as a study method — there is a light at the end of the tunnel. It may be hard to tell given the drabness of the quiet study room, but soon the world outside will explode in color and cozy feelings of holiday cheer. These Jumbos are getting a head start on the holiday season with some vivid colors and comfy scarves perfect for sitting by the fire and opening presents. It's beginning to look a lot like the holiday season!



“My poncho is like most of my wraps: I can wear my pajamas under it and then I’m comfy and warm at night. During the day I really like more layers to stay warm.”

Danica Arimany, sophomore



“Recently, because I got my tattoo, I’ve been trying to wear tops that show it off not too obviously.”

Katherine Marchand, freshman



“Tufts students definitely mix a lot of styles together. I just like to put classic pieces with fun accessories — cute earrings, a scarf, etc. I love my red scarf — I got it on Portobello Road in Notting Hill, London.”

Julie Kalt, senior



“I love stealing sweaters from my dad. That’s honestly my favorite thing to wear — anything big and soft and comfortable.”

Catharine Keene, sophomore

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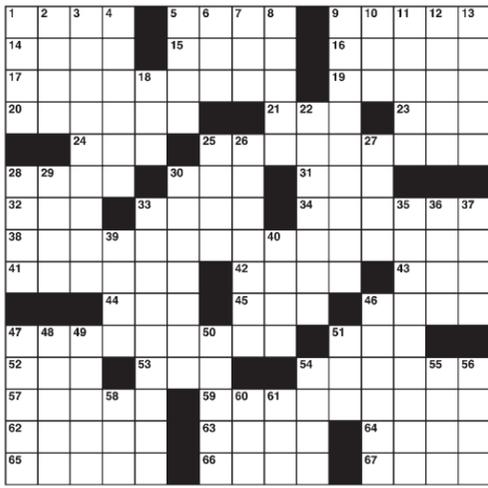


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By Robert W. Harris 12/9/11

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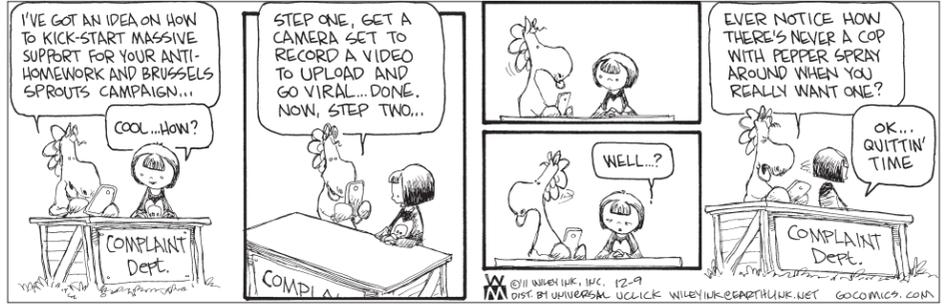
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by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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WEEKENDER FEATURE

Please everyone on your list this holiday season:

A gift guide for your secret snowflake, sweetie and more

BY REBECCA SANTIAGO
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Give yourself a moment to block out the chipper, eggnog-drunk voices proclaiming that the best part of the holiday season is giving. Though there's certainly something to be said for watching someone's face light up as he unwraps the perfect gift, the fact of the matter is that gift giving is stressful. A present should be personal, unique, thoughtful and even a tad whimsical. Frankly, those are a lot of qualifications to meet on a college student's schedule and budget, and this editor finds it much easier to receive presents — or, for that matter, gift cards.

Unfortunately, gift cards, though significantly more useful than a basket of vanilla-scented nonsense from Bath & Body Works, carry the stigma of carelessness. After all, a \$15 gift card to Barnes and Noble doesn't exactly scream, "You're important to me and I spent all day hunting for the

perfect thing to prove that to you." So, rule number one: no gift cards.

Rule number two: Set a budget — both for yourself and the people you're exchanging gifts with. If you feel awkward setting a price on your relationship with your loved ones, just imagine how much more awkward it would be to receive a \$300 watch from your sweetie while he or she unwraps "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" (2011).

Though the Daily Arts Department doesn't claim to know your best friend, boo, mom, dad, cousin or acquaintance you're awkwardly roped into buying a gift for better than you do, we are decidedly avid consumerists, and there are a few things we wish we owned but would never crack open our own wallets to purchase for ourselves. So whip out your credit cards and prepare to cross this daunting task off your to-do list — or to slyly leave this page out around the people who love you.



For your Secret Snowflake

Steal: Offer the gift of relief from holiday music with Snoop Dogg and Wiz Khalifa's new album, "Mac & Devin Go to High School" (2011), out Dec. 13 for about \$10 plus shipping on Amazon.com. Anyone with Jumbo pride will love Jonathan Adler's bright orange, elephant-shaped giant eraser — it's an easy way to brighten up any desk for just under \$11. Finally, Ms. & Mrs. proves that good things come in small packages with the brand's Minimergency Kit for Her. The \$13 kits come in an array of funky metallic colors and contain a bevy of useful objects — earring backs, bandages, dental floss and stain remover, to name a few — all while fitting in the palm of your hand.

Spend: For the dude who tried and failed to rock a 'stache for No-Shave November, check out the \$30 winter hats with knitted "beards" at Beardhead.com. The aqua-colored lizard mini wallet from Madewell promises to perk up purses for a reasonable \$32. And as holiday parties loom, ugly Christmas sweaters are in vogue for anyone with a sense of irony. Check out Rustyzipper.com's selection of delightfully tacky pullovers, going for as little as \$24.

Splurge: J.Crew sells gorgeous leather flasks for about \$43. Though marketed to men, these classy alternatives to the old vodka-in-a-Nalgene-bottle are suitable for imbibers of any gender.

For the geeky foodie, "Heston Blumenthal at Home" (2011) marries science and cooking to create unusual recipes; the cookbook can be purchased online at Amazon.com for \$38 plus shipping. And to see your favorite fashionista go positively dotty, check out Anthropologie's \$78 Twofold Lucia Loop, a silk infinity scarf that expertly balances muted and perky color palates in chevron and polka dot patterns.





For your significant other

Steal: Though it's a little sappy, you can't go wrong with a framed photograph of the two of you together. To take the sentimental edge off, buy a frame that comes with a Hallmark-worthy generic insert of another couple and cut-and-paste your faces over theirs — cute, but not cutesy. Urban Outfitters has a few picture frames on sale for under \$15.

Spend: Photojojo.com's \$18 shot glass lens set is perfect for three reasons. First, it's a fun way to suggest party time if you feel like the two of you have spent too many weekends in a row vegging out and watching "Breaking Bad" reruns. Next, it's perfect for anyone interested in photography. Finally, it's a great gift for anyone who loves to drink — though, as we all know, those people are few and far between in college.

Gifts that a handmade card can elevate from thoughtless to thoughtful include: the Pendleton "Whisper" wool scarf for \$48 at Nordstrom, snazzy iPhone cases for about \$35 in Apple stores, Barneys New York's \$36 jacquard socks and Anthropologie's \$28 curvy chrysanthemum

vase stuffed with fresh flowers.

Splurge: A few of our favorite something-extras include AllSaints Spitalfields' \$75 Euler earrings and L.L.Bean's \$99 Bean Boots. Finally, if you're dating anyone remotely fond of music and you've got the cash, check out the Crosley AV Room Portable USB Turntable, available on Urbanoutfitters.com for \$160. Disguised as a suitcase, this crafty turntable is a retro addition to any apartment, and you'll both love scavenging for old records to play.



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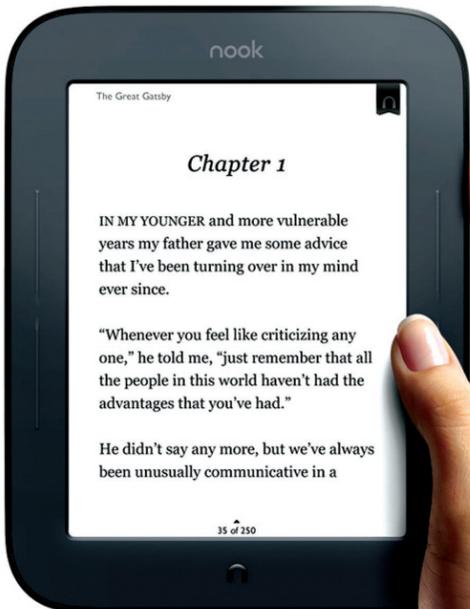
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THE TUFTS DAILY OP-ED

Bare feet: just watch what yo

NADIA DI MARCO

I am currently sitting in the Tower Café mortified and surrounded by bare feet. There is a girl to the left of me bobbing her head to the music surrounding her ears. She is completely oblivious to the fact that her bare, wiggling toes are less than two feet away from my face.

She's not even comfortable. She keeps adjusting, readjusting and moving around. Perhaps it's a new trend? To my right there is another young girl resting her bare feet on the marble table.

On the table. The very same table upon which this girl's feet are splayed is one where I ate many a time last semester. I'm not alone in my repulsion; I see the girl sitting next to her eyeing her feet as well, but she's just oblivious. That's two people in a five-foot radius with zero consideration for their fellow neighbors.

When I sit on an airplane and the person (usually a kid) next to me has his or her bare feet on the tray table, I get the same feeling of disgust. I don't understand why anyone

would think that it is okay to throw their feet about in public.

Do people like the thought of licking other's people feet? (Let's leave kinky cases out of this.) How about the thought of smelling other people's feet? No, no, no! In our society, feet are known to be dirty, smelly and unpleasant; I mean come on, I don't even want to be close to my own feet.

By the way, as I type, the girl next to me just moved her foot even closer to me!

Why don't people get it? It is just plain common sense! You would think attending Tufts University would be enough to figure out that being barefoot in a café is not only rude, it's despicable. It says, "I don't care about anyone but me and my own comfort."

Imagine going into work and putting your bare feet on your desk or going to a client's job site, or anywhere else professional. Imagine walking into your dean's office and he or she has his or her bare feet on the desk. It would never happen, because it's not okay.

We are here to get ready for the real world. Speaking from experience as a Resumed Education for Adult Learners student, you

can trust me, people: No one or her shoes in a professio My rampage has turned in kids need to understand their rude habits leave T big surprise.

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SEAN O'LOUGHLIN

On Monday, Will E... voiced his support for Barack Obama in the Presidential campaign ("for president", Sept. 10). one point, supported Obama's bid for the White House an intelligent, charismatic whose greatest political indeed his criticism of from the start. And he the harbinger of great ch Washington. That's why a great vice president Joseph Biden.

I wouldn't be surpr learn that many people familiar with Sen. Biden I wouldn't be surprised that many people are no iar with most presidential dates, Democrat and Rep The media, in their att focus on Obama, Sen. Clinton, former Mass. G Mitt Romney and form York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, have allowed candidates such as Sens. Biden, Christopher Dodd, Sam Brownback, and former Ark. Governor Mike Huckabee to fall through the cracks. However, attention needs to be paid to these "also-rans," because among them lies the best man to lead our country.

It is true, Biden did vote to authorize the war in 2002. When asked about this vote, Biden says that, as President, he too would have asked for the authority to go into Iraq. He simply would not have used it. It is also true that he voted for the special funding bill earlier this year, while Obama and Clinton did not. He explained this in a debate soon after, saying that he "knew the right political vote." But he also knew that a large portion of that funding would be going to better equipment for our soldiers.

Biden is the only candidate with a viable, possible plan for post-Bush Iraq. N. M. Governor Bill Richardson wants to leave within 6 months of being inaugurated. Unfortunately, that's physically impossible. There are simply too many men to be withdrawn in 6 months. If all of the troops are withdrawn right now, as soon as possible, we're going

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The Biden plan is simple. Imagine a country with a national government, but also with distinct regions, each with certain jurisdiction, that is complementary to, yet still subordinate to the national government. If this sounds familiar, you may live in the United States of America. This is also what it says in the Iraqi constitution. The Bush administration has said that for the Iraqi constitution to be implemented, the national government needs to be strong enough to enforce security throughout the country. But as the success of al-Anbar province has shown us, security is built from the ground up, not the top down. The Biden plan does just that.

Biden was elected senator in 1972. He has served as chair of both the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Foreign Relations Committee. What our country needs most right now is foreign relations experience, and Biden's got it. He is the best man, Democrat or Republican or Green or Bloomberg, to sit in the Oval Office.

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Sean O'Loughlin is a freshman who has not yet declared a major.

forgot the courage, values and resolve that propelled our country to greatness.

Even worse, we have betrayed our forefathers' confidence in the righteousness of fighting on freedom's behalf — a confidence that once instilled courage in the hearts of American revolutionaries despite the seeming impossibility of victory and later invigorated Allied forces fighting fascist enemies in Europe and Asia.

We are assured of America's defeat daily in Iraq, not by our enemies on the battlefield, but by a growing contingent within the Democratic Party. It is this lot — led by Sen. Harry Reid, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Rep. John Murtha and the party's presidential candidates — who insist on the futility of U.S. military and Iraqi political efforts alike.

They insist on the rapid withdrawal of troops from battle. They insist that staying in Iraq to fight extremism, to deter Iranian interference, to run with the current wave of military momentum and to build on popular uprisings against al-Qaeda throughout the country (or, what residents of the now famous Anbar province call the "Great Awakening") is contrary to American security interests.

insignificantly on the conscience of Sen. Obama, who indulgently lauds himself as a champion of hope. His hope is an audacious brand indeed.

The reality is that we are in the midst of the first great war of the 21st century. It is a war of ideology as much as it is a contest to be won on the battlefield. And whereas Iraq may not have been the frontline of this struggle in 2003, it is the theater of the conflict today.

On one end of the spectrum is the United States, defending the rights of ordinary Iraqis and committed to the creation of a stable ally in a region otherwise defined by dysfunctional government. While American-style democracy may never take root, Iraq still clings to the prospect of representative politics.

Amazingly, after four years of devastating violence, Iraqis continue to show resolve and an admirable determination to emerge from the shadows of despotism and terror.

At the other end of this spectrum are the existential enemies of human progress. Peddling an antiquated ideology of extreme Islam and preaching a virulent message of hatred, the warriors of Islamism draw on a totalitar-

n vision of societal order that at its most basic level, a fantasy. Their unrelenting pursuit of long-dead caliphate is glaring in its denial of modern political realities and the overwhelming power of the Western world. However, this delusional ideology sanitizes discriminate violence and brutality, deeming them obligatory within a framework of "defensive" jihad against Islam's enemies.

In fomenting civil war in Iraq, al-Qaeda and its proxies seek to engender despair, inefficiency, security and resentment — the r to their militant fire. We must realize the simple truth that just s Iraq is our frontline against error, so too is it the terrorist's against Western civilization.

After turning back the "effeminate superpower," their next step is cleansing the Holy Lands of infidel blood and ousting a Saudi regime that is, unbelievably, inadequately Islamic. From Mecca to Egypt to Jerusalem and beyond, the caliphate is to be extended and its enemies destroyed. Thus, looking to those among us who frown at American military gains and find a perverse vindication of their anti-war politics in every truck-bomb that claims innocent Iraqi lives, we find a segment of our country definitively unprepared to face civilization's enemies.

It is true that our predicament is a frightening one. Armed with a dangerous irrationality and a passion for martyrdom, the jihadists are decisive and resolute. There is no appeasing this enemy. There is no reasoning with it. There is no compromising and there is no coexistence.

Surrender or Persevere. These are the only options and the choice is ours to make. In choosing the path to victory, however, one thing has become increasingly clear. In November 2008, American voters will have to send the Democrats the very same message that must thunder in the ears of those extremists who dare to wage war against the United States of America: "You cannot win and you will not prevail!"

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FAN THE FIRE

Fan the Fire to team up with Relay for Life

Giveaways, food at basketball doubleheader Saturday

BY BEN KOCHMAN
Daily Editorial Board

Fan the Fire, a school spirit initiative that brought 800 fans to Tufts men's and women's soccer games at its first event in September, will return tomorrow with giveaways and free food during a men's and women's basketball doubleheader in Cousens Gym.

September's event quadrupled the usual turnout for a day of Tufts sports when the football team isn't playing, and it is expected to have an even greater impact on Tufts' basketball games, according to Fan the Fire organizer Melissa Burke (LA '11). At the first event, the free "Fan the Fire" T-shirts and complimentary confections went so quickly that latecomers were given vouchers to receive a free t-shirt at a later time.

The first Fan the Fire event featured the relationship forged through Team Impact — a New England-based nonprofit with multiple Tufts alumni on its board — between the women's soccer team and Joli Vega, a young girl who lost an eye to retinoblastoma.

This weekend, the highlighted organization will be more familiar to Tufts students, as event organizers will be teaming up with Relay for Life, which last year raised over \$115,000 for cancer research with their all-night walk in the Gantcher Center.

"We're excited to have Relay for Life," said Burke, who graduated from Tufts last year and who is co-organizing the event with Relay for Life's Amanda Borow.

"Relay is an on-campus organization that has a huge student following. We should be able to reach out to a whole group of students that we weren't able to reach with our first event."

The action kicks off with the 6-2 men's basketball team playing No. 7 MIT at 2 p.m. The Jumbos hope to rebound from a devastating loss in overtime Tuesday night to Plymouth

State with their first home win of the season.

The team has been struggling to draw fans after three years in the NESCAC basement, but is hopeful that Fan the Fire can raise the energy level in Cousens Gym. Last year, the Zeta Psi fraternity addressed the issue by holding a pre-game party to bring fans to the Senior Day bout with Bates; the team pulled out an exciting 66-62 victory that edged them into the No. 5 seed in the NESCAC Tournament.

The 6-2 women's basketball team hasn't dropped a game since their opening weekend at the Williams Tip-Off Tournament, winning six in a row dating back to Nov. 20. The Jumbos are hoping to follow Tuesday's 39-point thrashing of Emerson in similar blow-out fashion in front of the Fan the Fire crowd. The women's basketball team will be facing off against non-conference foe Bridgewater State after the men's game, at 4 p.m.

The players are excited for a boost during the fall's non-conference slate when turnout, historically, is low.

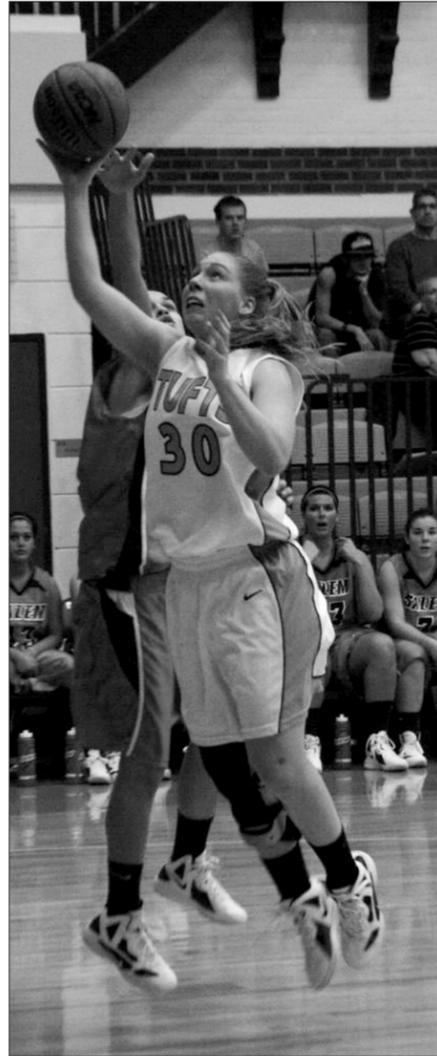
"I think this is great. I went to the fall one, and it seemed like a lot more people were there," said junior Scott Anderson, a forward on the men's team. "We're all looking forward to it. The game against MIT should be good, and we're expecting to have a lot more fans there which will help."

There will be hot dogs, popcorn and other giveaways available all afternoon on Saturday, Burke said. After running low on supplies during the September event, the Fan the Fire crew has worked to secure more food and t-shirts for Saturday's games.

Students can also enter raffles to win a variety of prizes, including two Kindle Fires, a Tufts hoodie and gift cards to J.P. Licks and Flatbread Pizza.

Relay for Life will have a booth set up where students can sign up or donate to their event, which will take place the night of April 12, 2012.

Both teams are actively rebuilding and look forward to playing before a packed Cousens Gymnasium this Saturday.



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Senior co-captain forward Kate Barnosky leads the women's team with 11 points per game heading into Saturday's Fan the Fire matchup with Bridgewater State.

WALL-SIT

Lacrosse takes back wall-sit throne

The men's lacrosse team has taken back the title of strongest legs on campus, after five members of the team set a new Tufts wall-sit record on Monday. The new record is one hour, 14 minutes from freshman Justin Chang, though all five athletes — senior Kevin McCormick, sophomore Mike Maggiore, freshman Tim Labeau and Chang's twin brother Jeffrey — sat for more than one hour, 10 minutes.

The fivesome broke what had been senior Bri Cilley's title since last November, when Cilley sat for one hour, six minutes and 22 seconds. The record-breaking sits came at the end of a workout where the trainers called many teams together for "finishers," a workout-ending contest.

"We had been going for a while, and [Fitness Program Coordinator] Dan [Kopsco] asked us if anyone wanted to break the record, and we figured why not," McCormick said.

The five lacrosse players kept each other busy by chatting, though McCormick admits that boredom started to set in, especially after all five had broken the record. By the end, Kopsco started holding the athletes to a standard of perfect 90-degree form, said McCormick — otherwise the players may have gone even longer.

"Your legs get pretty much numb. It was more my back and knees that hurt," McCormick said. "The biggest thing is mentally staying in there. By the end, we really wanted to get some dinner."

Outgoing wall-sit queen Cilley accepted the news with dignity.

"You know what, I feel alright about it," she said. "I'm happy that someone went for it."

— by Ben Kochman

DAILY DIGITS

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Dollars that first baseman Albert Pujols is set to make over the next ten years after signing with the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim on Thursday.

His contract will be the second-largest in baseball history. At 31 years of age, some wonder whether the nine-time All-Star and three-time NL MVP has reached the twilight of his career, but others point to his .299 batting average and 37 homeruns in 2011 as evidence that the slugger still has plenty of productive years left.

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Rushing touchdowns by Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton so far this season, an NFL record. The 2010 Heisman winner and first pick of the 2011 NFL Draft, Newton scored his 11th, 12th, and 13th touchdowns on three one-yard runs against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers last Sunday. The last score came with 9:53 left in the fourth quarter in what ended up being a 38-19 Carolina win. Steve Grogan previously held the league mark with 12 rushing scores in 1976.

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Days until the BCS National Championship game at the Superdome in New Orleans. This season, the championship game will be an all-SEC affair between No. 1 LSU, which is undefeated, and No. 2 Alabama, which lost once to the Tigers at home. While both teams have explosive offensive threats, the BCS title match could be a defensive affair between the top two teams in the country in scoring defense.

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Percentage of the men's basketball team's three-pointers made by junior guard Alex Goldfarb, who is 15-for-32 from behind the arc this season. The Jumbos have only made 38 three-pointers out of 152 attempted, good for only 25 percent, over their first eight games. Despite the fact that he is coming off the bench and playing less than 13 minutes per game, Goldfarb has been an efficient scoring threat, averaging 7.4 points per game.

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Saves recorded by ice hockey senior goalkeeper Scott Barchard, which broke the previous record set by James Kalec in 2008. Barchard made the glove save against Middlebury on Dec. 3 with 9:02 left in the second period. One of the top netminders in the conference and in the history of the program, Barchard owns 12 of the team's top 25 best single-game save totals, including a program record 63 stops at St. Anselm on Dec. 5, 2009.

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The largest lead held by the women's basketball team during Tuesday night's 71-32 win over visiting Emerson. Junior forward Bre Dufault led the Jumbos with 14 points in a blowout win during which every player scored. The Lions struggled with turnovers throughout the game, and Tufts capitalized with 17 steals and 40 points off of those miscues. The Jumbos, who have now won six games in a row, will host Bridgewater State tomorrow afternoon.

INSIDE NCAA FOOTBALL

Third in name, first in show

BY ETHAN STURM
Daily Editorial Board

We have finally reached December, when the temperatures drop and college players trade their uniforms for tuxedos and motivational talks for acceptance speeches. Yes, it is awards season, that awkward gap in the college football slate where there is no football to be played, but plenty of awards — some relevant, some not — to be won.

Of course, none compare to the most important of them all — that stiff-arming, leather-helmet-wearing legend — the Heisman Trophy. And while the winner is often decided almost unanimously, this season there was spirited debate about the finalists. In the end, the selections mirrored the BCS bowls in many respects: the best of the best in the non-BCS conferences were left on the outside looking in.

Houston's Case Keenum may be the all-time Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) leader in passing yards and touchdowns and Boise State's Kellen Moore may be the most successful quarterback of all time, but both will be watching tomorrow night's show from home.

Instead, we are left with Stanford's Andrew Luck, Baylor's Robert Griffin III, Wisconsin's Montee Bell, Alabama's Trent Richardson and LSU's Tyrann Mathieu. They all have plenty

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Luck tops NFL draft boards, but did not stand out in 2011

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going for them, and the job of the voters — and the media — will be to break-down which of their cases is strongest.

We'll start with Mathieu, the dark horse — or should we say "honey badger" — in this race. He may be the only defensive player in the group, but his speed, eye for the ball, and inherent ability to force it loose make him just as much of an offensive weapon as his competition. In total, he forced five fumbles, none more important than his midfield strip of Arkansas's Dennis Johnson late in the second quarter with the game tied at 14. He also took two punts all the way to the house in as many weeks, including one in the first half of the SEC Championship Game when the Tigers failed to earn a single first down. While Mathieu's stats may not be as gaudy as those of the other finalists, he does have the advantage of being on the nation's only undefeated team.

Next up are the running backs, which don't seem to have quite enough to compete with the signal-callers for this year's award. Trent Richardson likely made it to this point only



Despite accounting for 39 touchdowns this season, Wisconsin running back Montee Ball is an underdog in the crowded Heisman field.

by being the most recognizable name on a team that has backed its way into the BCS National Championship Game. He is outside the top four in the nation in rushing touchdowns, rushing yards, and yards per attempt, and has no truly memorable moments to define his season.

Ball does not lack for stats; he leads the nation in rushing yards by 64 and rushing touchdowns by six. Yet his bid will be negatively affected by a play completely out of his control: the Michigan State Hail Mary on Oct. 22 that ended Wisconsin's

national title hopes with a 37-31 defeat. Though the Badgers will still play in the Rose Bowl, their failure to reach preseason expectations will likely cast a dark shadow over his campaign.

This leaves the two men who would arguably be the top two picks in next year's NFL draft if Griffin chooses to declare to battle it out for the trophy. While Luck may be the unanimous choice to be the No. 1 pick next year, Griffin may have had the more prolific season. Each took a team and helped it significantly overachieve its overall talent level. Baylor notched its

first nine-win season since 1986 primarily on Griffin's right shoulder; he led the country in quarterback rating while creating 45 total touchdowns and throwing just six interceptions.

Luck, on the other hand, was lambasted for staying at Stanford when head coach John Harbaugh and many of his teammates left, but he led the Cardinals to an 11-1 record and a spot in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

Yet, Luck's stats were not nearly as outstanding as Griffin's, in part because they didn't need to be. Luck played in just two games that were decided by less than two touchdowns thanks to the help of a top 25 defense, while Griffin was forced to pilot his team's victories week after week. The fact that, despite this, Griffin still threw three fewer picks than Luck says a lot about just how impressive his season was.

In the end, no one deserves the award this year more than Robert Griffin III. He has put together the perfect combination of team success, statistical extravagance and individual performance that should allow him to waltz on to the stage of Best Buy Theater and accept college football's top prize.

DAVID MCINTYRE | THE BEAUTIFUL GAME

The end of Ferguson?



Like many columnists for the Daily, I had the idea to end the semester with a wrap-up column. In fact, I was already writing a sappy farewell yesterday as I was watching the last round of Champions League group stage matches. But by the time the games were finished, I knew I had to scrap everything I had written and start over, because I had just witnessed one of the most shocking results in my soccer-watching career: FC Basel 2, Manchester United 1.

Manchester United, the self-proclaimed most popular soccer team in the world, needed only to draw at FC Basel, a Swiss team that has hung around the fringes of the Champions League since 2003 but has never found much success. This is Manchester United we're talking about — the defending Premier League champions. FC Basel, meanwhile, is being run by a caretaker manager, and has only reached the round of 16 once.

The result itself was obviously a monumental upset, especially considering that Manchester United was considered to be in one of the easiest groups in the competition. But the really fascinating part to me is what the defeat means for Sir Alex Ferguson, the Red Devils' legendary manager since 1986 and one of the most important people in international soccer.

Fergie is now 69 years of age, and has an impeccable record of success, including two Champions League titles. Through all the sagas at Man United, from Pizzagate to Rooney's tantrums, the sale of Cristiano Ronaldo to the sale of the club itself, he has always been the one constant. The fans always knew that whatever happened, Ferguson would be the one to fix it and still guide the team to continued success. That is the true nature of Fergie's greatness: throughout the generations and the hundreds of players who have come through the club, he has turned every roster into gold. Ferguson is like a god to United fans, and that's not an exaggeration.

But after this disastrous defeat, most Manchester United fans have converted to atheism, apparently. All over the Internet — at least from what I read — dozens of normally loyal Manchester United fans were calling for major overhaul, starting with the firing of Ferguson. The criticism came from all angles: He played the wrong team. He bought the wrong players in the summer and didn't buy what the team needed. He's too old. The squad is filled with deadweights. And most ominously for Ferguson, the strongest criticism was that his time has come: Manchester United needs to start looking for a new manager.

Normally, I don't like kneejerk reactions. One game does not spell the end, and Manchester United still has a chance to do well this season. But in the core of the fan's argument, I am forced to agree: Fergie, who will be 70 before the season's end, has held on too long. His incredible recent run of success — three Champions League Finals in four seasons — was the peak of his career, and now he's on the downslope. He's like Michael Jordan, when he was playing for the Washington Wizards: His time is up, and it's just a matter of time before he figures it out.

The fact of the matter is, this Manchester United squad is coming apart at the seams. There are huge holes in the midfield and the defense, and Wayne Rooney isn't carrying the squad like he used to. After this season, Ferguson should retire and bask in the glory of 25 successful years. Of course, whatever he decides to do, Fergie will go down as one of the greatest managers of all time. But it would be better for him and for the team if he left sooner rather than later.

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HOCKEY

Jumbos to face Polar Bears, Mules in weekend twinbill

Tonight, the men's hockey team will travel to Waterville, Maine, to take on Bowdoin before a Saturday-afternoon matchup with Colby in its second NESCAC doubleheader in as many weekends. Last week, the Jumbos fell to Williams and Middlebury in their first two home games of the season.

"After coming off two tough losses, we have to move forward," sophomore forward Tim Mitropoulos said. "We can't control what is done; we can only control our next shift, which will come at Bowdoin Friday night. We have to keep working hard and trust that it will pay off."

The Polar Bears currently boast a 3-3-1 record but have only one conference win, which came against Colby on Dec. 2. Meanwhile, the Jumbos go into the contest with two strong conference wins — against Trinity and Wesleyan — while their only losses came to two of the top three teams in the NESCAC.

Last year, the Jumbos fell 5-2 to the Polar Bears in a late January decision. The Jumbos were outshot 39 to 29, while then-senior Jeff Fanning led Bowdoin with two goals and an assist. Tufts was forced to play last year's contest without senior tri-captain and All-American goalkeeper Scott Barchard, and his return will boost the Jumbos' chances for a victory.

Last weekend, Barchard broke Tufts' all-time saves record in a 41-save attempt that gave him 2,188 career saves.

"Having Scotty and a strong set of defensemen is going to be huge this weekend," Mitropoulos said. "We all pride ourselves in the defensive end first, so it will take a big game defensively from everyone on the team to come away with two wins this year."

If Tufts' young defenders can hold off the Polar Bears early and prevent Bowdoin from gaining an early lead, the Jumbos can look to sophomore forward Kyle Gallegos, junior forward Dylan Plimmer and freshman forward Tyler Voigt to spark the offense.



Sophomore Cody Armstrong and the Jumbos' forwards will look to increase their shooting output in this weekend's games.

On Saturday, the Jumbos face the Mules, who also handed Tufts a three-goal defeat the past season. Colby's Tom McGinn, who scored twice in the Mules' dominating performance last year, returns for his senior season but only has one assist to his name thus far.

Tufts was outshot in last year's contest with Colby as well, tallying just 43 tries to Colby's 50. The Jumbos' young offense must increase its production significantly, especially against high-powered squads like Bowdoin and Colby, who have shown that they are capable of scoring in droves.

In a Nov. 22 contest with the University of New England, Bowdoin scored 10 goals to build an eight-goal margin against the Nor'Easters. It is

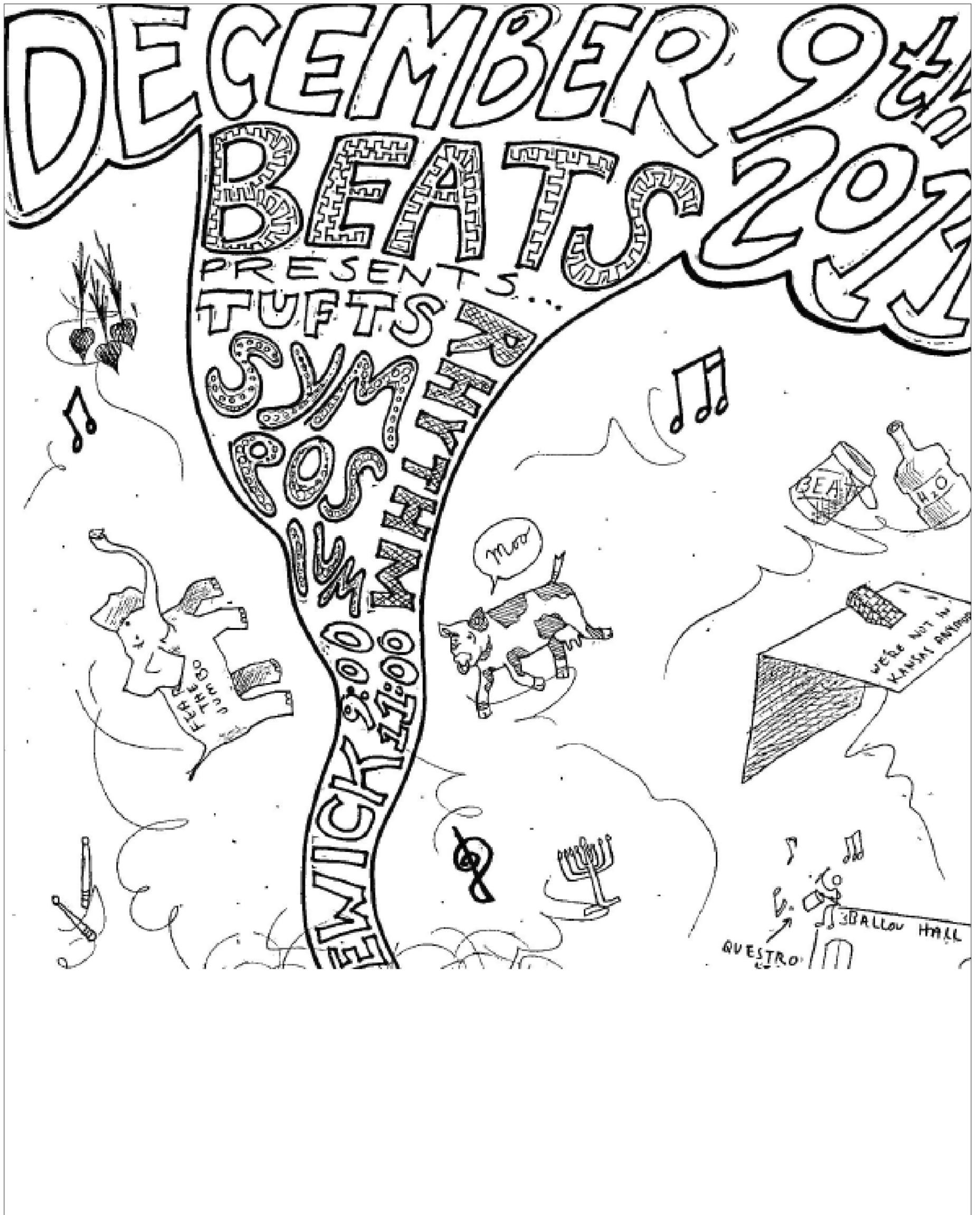
crucial that the Jumbos capitalize on power plays and limit man-down scenarios if they hope to keep this weekend's games within reach.

The Jumbos, now 3-4, can surge back over .500 and advance to 4-2 in the NESCAC with a weekend sweep.

"Our plan for this weekend is to work hard for three periods as a team and go one shift as at time," Mitropoulos said. "We have to play strong discipline hockey and we should have a good chance to get four points this weekend."

"With a strong weekend we can end the term on a positive note and put us in good position for when we come back for the second half of the year."

— by Kate Klots



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