



A sobering trip to Philadelphia



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Angel, age 10, play-acts at being arrested in East Philadelphia on Mar. 22. In the background, Philadelphia police officer Vince Nowakowski (left) waits for a bomb squad to arrive and assess a hand grenade found in a crack-cocaine house on the block. Eight Tufts students traveled to Philadelphia over spring break as a part of the Exposure Center for Photojournalism in an effort to study gun violence. See the Daily's National section on Thursday for further coverage.

Unusual spring breaks abound for many Jumbos

BY KAT SCHMIDT
Daily Editorial Board

A delegation of students from Tufts attended the second annual Women as Global Leaders conference in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from Mar. 12-14.

The conference, which was sponsored by Zayed University and took place in UAE capital Abu Dhabi, hosted delegates from 87 countries.

After an opening ceremony Saturday night, students heard keynote addresses throughout the day on Sunday. The addresses were delivered by female leaders including Mary Robinson, former Prime Minister of Ireland and former United Nations High Commissioner of Human Rights; Queen Rania Al-Abdullah of Jordan; and Linda Ellerbee, former anchor of NBC News Overnight.

At the roundtable discussions and poster sessions that followed on Monday, sophomore Jessie Anderson presented on research she completed on Ghana's Domestic Violence bill over winter break.

"All of the lectures on human rights were really interesting," Anderson said. "A lot of different cultures disagree on what should be defined as human rights. It was a great look at cultural relativism and what constitutes violation of human rights."

The conference's lavish setting, which included a gala dinner and a desert barbecue including fire-eaters and camel rides, met with rave reviews from attendees.

At the same time, it raised questions, leading Anderson to wonder whether the opulence was "masking errors in the [UAE] society," making it "hard to be objective" about the culture.

"I really felt that they didn't get at the very hard issues, skirted around things," said attendee Beth Bishop, a senior. "One lady Kuwaiti activist was

awesome. She kept saying, 'We've got to stick up for what we're doing and stop being passive little wimps.'"

Anderson and Bishop were both able to connect with students at the conference.

"It was great for contacts and networking," Anderson said. "The Zayed University girls were great, just to speak with them over a meal and discuss politics, their culture. They were really open to discussion."

Bishop was invited to dine at the home of some Emirati students whom she met there. "They're such a wonderful hospitable people," she said.

Under fire

Eight Tufts students traveled to Philadelphia to research gun violence in a joint effort with Jim MacMillan (M '88) and EXPOSURE, a photojournalism initiative through the Institute for Global Leadership (IGL).

MacMillan, a photographer for the Philadelphia Daily News, guided the students as they met with groups and individuals affected by gun violence, including community groups fighting to stop violence, city police, families of gun violence victims and young people who have committed violent gun crimes.

Sophomore Jesse Gossett, one of the students who went, was particularly impressed after meeting with groups of 14-to-18-year-old youths who had been issued felony charges.

"They were very open with us and very honest," he said. "It's a very, very deep issue. It's really affecting the community at large."

"The relationship between the police authorities and local community isn't what it should be," said Anderson, who went on the Philadelphia trip as well as the UAE one. "The police are supposed to provide safety,

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Goin' legit: TuftsReviews.com to include actual course evaluations

Students will now be able to consider data from previous official course evaluations when choosing their classes, thanks to a new initiative from the Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate and TuftsReviews.com.

Previously, the results of the computer-scannable course evaluation forms were not released to students and used only within departments. Now, however, they will also provide statistical information about previous student satisfaction with courses to students themselves.

Evaluation information from Fall 2005 courses will be available today at TuftsReviews.com.

TCU Senator Michael Eddy, who headed up the project, was prompted to begin the endeavor by the limited resources students currently have available when making decisions about their courses.

While students may hear positive and negative opinions about classes from their peers and from Web sites such as TuftsReviews.com or RateMyProfessors.com, Eddy said these sources painted an incomplete picture of student sentiment. Contributions from such sources can often be uneven, limited, and slanted, he said.

"A site like TuftsReviews.com only elicits responses from the most extreme students in the class, people who really love or hate the professor," said Eddy, a sophomore. "There's an important part missing."

Eddy felt that the data that Tufts has already collected from each department would provide a more consistent,

balanced and accurate picture of student satisfaction with the courses.

But obtaining the Tufts survey data for distribution to students was no easy task.

"At first we were told that we had to go to each department and ask them individually if they would like to contribute course reviews," Eddy said, an approach that turned out not to be "sustainable over the long run."

Changing tactics, Eddy spoke to Dean of Undergraduate Education James Glaser and Student Services. After an extended period of dialogue, Student Services agreed to release the numerical data.

While the administration agreed to release this data, substantive comments made by students were kept confidential. "They weren't that comfortable releasing comments also," Eddy said.

Departments were given the option to opt out of the inclusion of their courses and their professors' statistical data. Despite these gaps, Eddy feels the data released will be valuable to students.

"I think it's a really great opportunity," he said. "Everybody knows that the amount that you take away from the course not only has to do [with] the content but [with the] way that the professor engages the students. Students will now have sound data to include in the process of picking their classes."

— Kat Schmidt

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A look ahead to November: 'It's all about the turnout'

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Both major American political parties have begun the process of choosing candidates and campaigning for the midterm elections in November 2006. President George W. Bush is facing the lowest approval ratings of his two terms, prompting many political observers to wonder whether Republicans will rally around the president or distance themselves from him as they seek to keep their majority in both houses. By contrast, the Democratic party is hoping to recapture control of Congress. This week we talk to Dean of Undergraduate Education James Glaser, a political science professor and an expert on American politics and local government elections.

Paul Lemaistre: President Bush's approval ratings have recently plummeted to around 36 percent. By comparison, his approval ratings in 2002 were around 65 percent. GOP members have nevertheless rallied behind the president for his wartime leadership. In the upcoming elections, will candidates find it beneficial to distance themselves from the unpopular president?

James Glaser: Well, you can usually tell what public sentiment is by observing the behavior of politicians. Right now, we're seeing [that]

Republican members of Congress are less loyal to the President and more willing to speak out against the Administration's initiatives. As we get closer to the election, I think that you'll see some rallying around the president and the national security issue.

But given that the President's approval ratings are so low and his standing in the populace isn't nearly what it has been, mostly you'll see Republican candidates separating themselves from the president — not so much running *against* the president, but running *apart* from the president. They'll be running local campaigns with local messages.

Of course, Republicans have been in power for a long time, and that has given their incumbents the ability to deliver projects to their districts and claim lots of credit. My guess is that you'll see Republican candidates, at least incumbent candidates, trumpeting this.

PL: The elections will not occur until November. Eight months is a long time.

JG: A lot can happen in eight months, which is an eternity in politics. On the other hand, the president's current ratings are meaningful. What's going on right now is that incumbents — in both parties — are deciding to run or retire. Challengers are deciding if this is a good year to run. Donors are deciding whether or not to give money to something that can result in victory.

When you add all these decisions up, you are essentially creating the teams that will compete next November... and so much of the outcome is determined by the quality of the teams that are put together. The quality of both teams, Democratic and Republican, is

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Student research yields surprising results

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but since they're having such a tough time relating to local people...the local people are taking matters into their own hands by buying guns."

Three main elements kept the problem at a high, Gossett said. He said these were the ease of obtaining guns, the lack of father figures in many homes, and the tendency to jump to gun violence when any dispute breaks out.

"They're jumping straight to guns when they have problems," Gossett said.

Anderson said the group also explored the implications of a proposed gun control law that legislators are fighting to pass.

The law would restrict purchases of handguns to one per month in an attempt to stop "straw purchasers," or individuals with no criminal records who legally buy multiple handguns in order to smuggle them into the illegal community.

"A lot of people were pretty pessimistic and didn't think it would work," Anderson said. "But it's one step to getting less guns on the street."

The groups hope to disseminate their work in a variety of outlets, including the Daily. It is not yet certain where else the work will be published.

The group met little hostility, Gossett said. "Pretty much everyone was excited that somebody outside of the city cared about the issue and was taking a look at it," he said.

After the Storm

Forty Tufts students — 32 from the Tufts Democrats and eight from the School of Occupational Therapy — traveled to New Orleans to assist with continuing relief work in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Though the group originally planned to work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), they ended up working with an organization called Helping Other People Everywhere (HOPE). HOPE is an offshoot of Common Ground, a community-initiated volunteer organization that offers short-term support to hurricane victims.

If they are structurally sound, devastated New Orleans homes must first have damaged furniture and possessions removed, and then must be "gutted" — that is, have their drywall, wiring and other components removed.

Many Tufts volunteers assisted residents in clearing and gutting homes.

Other volunteers worked in distribution centers, where they gave out food, clothes and toiletries. Others circulated throughout the neighborhood, asking residents what their needs were.

Tufts students also donated \$700 worth of Tyvek suits, protective gear necessary for cleaning out devastated houses that is generally requested by area charities.

"They were very grateful," Burke said of the residents. "One woman wanted to pay students and stay in contact." He added that she offered to drive to her sister's home to cook the group dinner.

Volunteers also helped homeowners salvage memories out of the wreckage. While going through her personal belongings, the same woman who offered to pay students was trying to find "memories she could take with her," Burke said. "She was very emotional."

One of the houses the group worked on belonged to a Tufts student in need — sophomore Rebecca Abbott. Her

Lakeview house was rendered uninhabitable after it was flooded with five feet of water.

Little had been done to rebuild her house since the hurricane struck. Abbott's family relocated to Georgia, and then to a small apartment in New Orleans. They have not yet been able to attend to the house.

"The stuff had been sitting there for more than six months," Abbott said. "We didn't have the manpower to do it."

Abbott provided the transportation for "as many kids as I could fit in the car," she said. Tufts students were able to completely clear out the furniture and other wreckage from the entire house.

Everything extracted was put in the front yard, though the family was able to extract very little from the house. "It was a pretty amazing pile," she said. "It was really helpful for us, [so we] took them out to dinner."

Abbott is still unsure of the future of her hometown. "The neighborhood isn't really coming along at all," she said. "I don't know what we're going to do with the house or whether the neighborhood is coming back."

Other students observed continued devastation on a bus tour of the city. "It's just amazing: You look around and nothing is being rebuilt," Burke said. "Wal-Marts and McDonald's are there, but it's essentially a ghost town."

"You can't capture it in pictures," he added. "I really don't know what some of these people are going to do."

Volunteers witnessed an outpouring of goodwill, though the amount of work that remains to be done is still daunting.

"I was amazed at the community members willing to help one another, but lots still needs to be done," Burke said. "It's tough [to know] where to start."

According to Tufts Democrats organizer and sophomore Nate Grubman (a former Daily sports editor), the project arose out of combined interest from former president Jon Parnes (LA '05) and current president Aaron Banks, a senior, as well as from within the club.

"I believe as a Democrat that government has a responsibility to help people who need help, and anytime we're going out and helping, it's definitely something that fits into our club," Grubman said.

The Gift of Health

A group of 24 Tufts students traveled to the Dominican Republic for the week as part of the Tufts Timmy Foundation to help set up medical clinics in four villages. They stayed with an organization called Dominican Crossroads.

They arrived on Mar. 18, and the next day took a tour of one of the poorest villages in the area.

According to sophomore Laura McNulty, one of the students on the trip, the village was "mostly populated by Haitian refugees that work in the sugar field."

We "set up medical clinics in the villages in the area," she said. The group visited four villages over the course of the week.

"We had a 'book idea' of what we were dealing with," McNulty said, but she added that she was not fully prepared for the conditions she experienced.

She believes that the group gave hope to the refugees, who lack medical aid from the country's government.

"We showed them that someone did care about them," she said.

Glaser: Election day turnout crucial

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being determined right now.

PL: President Bush announced an ambitious initiative in his 2006 State of the Union address to stop over-reliance on foreign energy reserves. Are candidates likely to address environmental issues, considering that promoting local alternative technologies and relying less on foreign oil can have positive implications for national security?

JG: It's possible, but not probable. I don't think that this issue is a winner for Republican candidates. It's not a message that resonates with their core supporters. Environmental advocates tend to be more on the Left. Energy independence may resonate with Republican voters, but I don't think that it motivates them.

Of course in a midterm election it's all about turnout — who can get their voters to their polls... I think for the Republicans, [the main issues will be] national security, the economy, and effective representation at home. Some conservative Christian themes will also be played.

Christian conservatives are core voters that Republicans can count on to vote, and moral issues resonate with them. For Democrats I think that the main themes will be Iraq, and competence. Competence encompasses ethics, the decision to go to war on incomplete intelligence, the conduct of the war and the ineffective response to the hurricanes.

PL: How will Democrats regroup for these elections? Will they have new tactics — or is it simply a question of operating off the President's low approval ratings or even just waiting for Republicans to make mistakes?

JG: Congressional elections are not well coordinated. It's a decentralized process that takes place in congressional districts and states across the country. It's hard to say that there will be a coordinated message.

The only time in my memory that there has been a coordinated message is when the Republicans won control of both the House and Senate in 1994 and ran a masterful campaign around the 'Contract with America.'

Maybe the Democrats will try to replicate something like that, something that symbolizes change and wraps up many of the issues that are important for them. In general, Democrats will want to nationalize these elections and Republicans will want to localize them.

That is a switch from the way it used to be. Republicans right now are vulnerable because of the president's weak standing in the public, and also because of the string of problems that the administration has had over the past year.

PL Democrats must be looking towards several key states and districts. There is a challenge to Senator Rick Santorum in

Pennsylvania, and even opposition to Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas — who recently prevailed in his party's nominations for that district. How significant would Democratic victories over well-known Republican figureheads be?

JG: DeLay in particular would be a symbolic victory, because the likelihood of a Democrat holding that seat for more than one term isn't very high, and Republicans would likely come back and win that seat because it's a very Republican district. But DeLay is a leader of the Republican party, a masterful technician, a smart and savvy politician.

They've already halfway defeated him by having him removed from his leadership position. But to knock him off wholly would be, I'm sure, very satisfying for many Democrats, and for Texas Democrats in particular.

While he's the number one target, the fact of the matter is that they will take a victory wherever they can get one, and the Republicans will try to defend their majority one by one, district by district. Rick Santorum is vulnerable because Democrats have recruited Bob Casey, a well-known, moderate candidate, the son of a former governor.

He's actually a pro-life Democrat. That undercuts some of Santorum's strength. Democrats see [Santorum] as a real target, and it wouldn't surprise me if he lost.

PL: How difficult is it for parties to attract voters to congressional elections, which do not receive the same levels of publicity or funding that presidential elections do?

JG: 55-60 percent of the electorate votes in the general election. 30-35 percent of the electorate votes in the midterm elections — it's almost half. In a closely divided electorate, it's all about who gets to the polls on Election Day. It's easier to get the more ideological voters and the strongest partisans to the polls. It's harder to get the people in the middle and less ideological voters to show up on Election Day.

PL: The November midterms will encompass not only elections of national politicians, but also those of state and local government politicians. Victory in these posts will allow either party to spread influence in the lower levels of governance. Are the national committees making an effort to reach down to these levels, or is it the prerogative of the state parties?

JG: The state parties usually fight those battles, but it's not bad for the national parties to invest in them. I hear that Howard Dean is doing this and it makes sense. Local and state offices are places where candidates are groomed for higher office.

The parties should be paying attention to what happens at these levels, because their futures are dependent on having people coming up the ladder. Of course, what happens at the state and local level also matters a lot in terms of our daily lives.

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Student suspended on acquaintance rape

A male student found guilty of acquaintance rape over the summer would be suspended from the University for one year. The incident occurred on campus, but for emotional reasons, the female victim did not report it to the Dean of Students office until two weeks before spring break this month. The accused student had 10 days to appeal his suspension, but he did not.

Assistant Dean of Students Bruce Reitman said this was the first time a student had been found guilty of acquaintance rape. A panel of three men and two women — including two student Tufts Community Union Judiciary members — heard the case. Reitman also said that there was no set punishment for acquaintance rape.

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WEATHER FORECAST

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Monday, March 27

Mostly Sunny
Sunrise: 5:36 AM
Sunset: 6:04 PM

Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday

Partly Cloudy
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Saturday

Mostly Cloudy
58/45

Thursday

Mostly Sunny
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Sunday

Partly Cloudy
53/39

Friday

Partly Cloudy
59/49

Monday

Mostly Sunny
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“We're anti-being dicks, pro-having them.”

Sophomore Neil Metzler,
New men on campus?



COURTESY ALONSO NICHOLS

Tufts Men's Activist Coalition (TMAC) members (Clockwise from left: Alonso Nichols, Nate Dreyfus, Neil Metzler, Dan Buonaiuto, Eliot Bodian, Jeff Kiok, Ben Brooks, DP Albert, Sean Malahy and Peter Funk) hope to broaden conceptions of gender roles.

New men on campus?

Features' Sara Sorcher takes a look at the Tufts Men's Activist Coalition (TMAC), a campus group built with the aim of confronting and ending male stereotypes

"We're anti-being dicks, pro-having them," said freshman Neil Metzler when describing the slogan of the Tufts Men's Activist Coalition (TMAC). "We're putting that on our T-shirts."

Even with its lighthearted motto, TMAC is a serious organization, one that aims to broaden the idea of male gender roles and to prevent violence on campus.

It was started this year after the "In the SACK: Safety, Awareness, Consent and Knowledge in Relationships" program during freshman orientation.

According to senior and group secretary Christian Eager, several students noticed a "dearth of groups on campus that are aware of gender issues from a male perspective."

Consequently, these men formed TMAC, seeking to carry the momentum of In the SACK into a year-round group. The group aims to create a voice and forum for men concerned about the way masculinity is currently defined by culture and society.

Sophomore and TMAC president Ben Brooks said that he got involved because he hoped that starting TMAC would break the taboo against having the discussions like those of In the SACK.

"No one should be afraid to talk about male ethics," he said. "Having a group of guys [who are] outspoken on this topic will help break this taboo."

"It fills a role that until now had... remained vacant," Eager said, explaining that many more women's groups exist on campus than men's groups. "We respect and agree with [women's] groups on many issues. There's certainly not an 'us versus them' mentality."

Even though TMAC does not dis-

agree with the women's groups, Eager still sees a need for TMAC. "It's completely different when a man says, 'masculinity isn't just stoic strength and emotionless discourse,'" he said. "It is sensitivity, thoughtfulness and everything in between."

Freshman DP Albert, TMAC vice president and one of its original co-founders, said that TMAC aims to help men understand the causes and effects of what he described as "often-unattainable images of masculinity."

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Ben Brooks, Sophomore, TMAC President

"TMAC exists based on the belief that for being a man, all that is required [is] to be a man," Albert said. "Every day, we are bombarded with images and ideals of how we as men must act in order to be 'manly' or 'a real man.'"

Albert said that these portrayals of masculinity or of "the ideal man" can cause insecurities. "[Men] can seek to reassert themselves through means of violence ... creating a guise of false toughness and power," he said. "Women's images of themselves are often impacted by popular culture,

leading them to desire unhealthy thin and blemish-free bodies. Men are no freer from our own set of ideals as to how we should behave and [what] habits we should possess."

According to Eager, more men's groups are being formed on college campuses in greater Boston.

"Tufts is actually leading the movement," Eager said. "Our group is one of the largest, best developed and is comprised mainly of freshmen and sophomores."

Eager said that many people have friends or relatives who have been affected by relationship or sexual violence. "This is relevant to the community as a whole, because everyone knows someone who has been touched by these issues," Eager said.

"It is difficult to be a close community when there are significant portions of the community that have to be concerned for their safety on a daily basis, because there is always an unnamed threat," he added.

Brooks explained that the coalition is not a feminist organization. "We are a legitimate voice for men on campus and have an independent agenda," Brooks said.

The group itself is very diverse, he said. "We have gay guys and straight guys, athletes, performers, frat brothers and people who probably wouldn't have too much to do with the Greek system," he said. "I think it's interesting that this group of people is thrown together but work really well together with a common set of goals."

The group consistently discusses men's role on campus, Brooks said. "It's a difficult thing to summarize

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TMAC tackles Tufts' social scene

TMAC is about framing discussion so that men can prevent violence on campus, according to sophomore and TMAC president Ben Brooks.

"I've seen incidents at frats and parties on campus and even in more casual settings where men are abusive towards women or their female friends, and certainly towards homosexuals," he said. "If we want to change the current situation, it needs to be done in an organized way."

Senior and TMAC member Christian Eager said that TMAC hopes to create a dialogue with fraternities in order to make the social scene on campus more community-oriented.

"There is a perception of 'us and them' for men and women when they go out on weekends," he said.

"We would like fraternities to recognize that there is a stereotype for their events, and often for how brothers behave, and that we would like to work with them to

change this perception," Eager said, adding that TMAC has not begun its fraternity outreach project yet.

Members are hoping for a greater involvement with the frats. "A large fraction of our members are fraternity brothers, and are working to get rid of the stigma that all fraternity brothers are drunk, hormone-driven party animals," freshman and TMAC Vice President DP Albert said.

"The Greek system can provide a sense of true brotherhood and is capable of doing good things for the community," Albert added. "That is the image we are trying to help portray with our involvement with them."

Brooks said that because the Greek system on campus is such a center for social activities, it deserves a lot of attention. "Any men's organization that wants to promote positive gender roles on campus has to address every man on campus," he said. "But they need to be addressed in their own way."

— Sara Sorcher

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...have a Boston tea party, college-style

No longer solely served in china settings accompanied by lacy napkins and scones, tea is now a trendy ingredient for cocktails. Swan's Cafe, located in the Boston Park Plaza Hotel, offers an untraditional take on tea with the "Keemun Cream," a vodka drink infused with Keemun tea and Baileys, as well as the "Apple Martini," a concoction of vodka, black tea and sour apple Schnapps.

Over on Boylston, Vox Populi serves a warmer version with "The Ma-Tea," a black tea blended with coconut milk and bourbon.

Koreana, a Korean restaurant in Cambridge, dishes out a specialty cocktail made with iced tea, Woo-long tea and Soju, Korean liquor.

If you don't feel like heading out for a tea cocktail, try making a version at home to add a little flair to your weekend social events.

The simplest versions include very few ingredients. Combine a gallon of tea (the sweeter the better) with a liter of tequila for some Texas T. It will have your friends screaming yee-haw in no time.

Not done celebrating St. Patrick's Day? Substitute an Irish coffee for Irish tea by mixing a cup of tea, whiskey, milk and sugar.

Another warming treat can be made with apple tea (Turkish versions work best, so browse the ethnic aisles at Shaw's) and Absolut Kurant vodka. With a little sugar mixed in, you're sure to get a spicy treat.

If you want to truly impress your friends, various tea cocktail recipes are published in cooking magazine such as Gourmet or online at epicurious.com.

Below is my list of favorites.

Fruit Juice and Vodka Punch (Bon Appetit)

- 3 cups pineapple juice
- 2 cups brewed or instant tea
- 2 cups apple juice
- 1 1/2 cups vodka
- 1 6-ounce can frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed
- 1 6-ounce can frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed
- 2 cups chilled ginger ale

Combine first six ingredients in large bowl. Stir until blended. Cover and refrigerate until well chilled, at least two hours. (Can be prepared one day ahead. Keep refrigerated.) Mix in ginger ale and serve in 12 cups.

The Rum Refresher (Gourmet)

- 1 jigger (1 1/2 ounces) dark rum
- 6 tablespoons fresh orange juice
- 6 tablespoons strong tea, chilled
- Garnish: orange slice and mint sprig

In a highball glass half filled with ice, combine rum, orange juice and tea. Stir. Garnish with orange slice and mint for one serving.

Spiced Red Zinger Rum Punch (Gourmet)

- 2-inch piece fresh ginger
- 5 1/2 cups water
- 1/2 cup sugar

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TMAC debates the definition of 'a man's role'

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what that guy's role is supposed to be," he said, "and we're certainly not trying to narrow the range of what a guy can do. But we definitely think that the role should be constructive, and we encourage the positive.

"We want to make sure that guys are looking out for their female friends and are helping one another to not hurt people inadvertently. We want guys to ensure that everyone is being responsible and not just themselves. We want men to stand up when they feel someone else is being mistreated and intervene when someone needs to," Brooks said.

TMAC's policy is to not criticize any group or individual. "But we really feel that if men come together, it will help the social life and relationships they have," Brooks said.

"Homophobia, violence and racism are all issues that come between friendships and relationships, and we hope to debunk a lot of stereotypes that the media uses to stereotype and portray men," he said.

Though TMAC members said that the group acknowledges that alcohol can have a negative effect on men's behavior, the group is not against drinking.

"We're trying to figure out how to minimize that effect in the community — this is a very long-term goal," Metzler said.

The group is also trying not to take a political position on homophobia, according to Metzler. "TMAC recognizes

that people have ideologies about homosexuality, and we are tolerant of intolerant views," he said. "But we can all agree that it's not right for students to feel threatened by the words or actions based on any ideological belief."

Metzler said that the group has helped him to be less guarded around other men. "Men feel a lot of pressure — sometimes from women, but mostly from men," he said. "Phrases like 'Don't be a p---y' or 'Don't be a fag' are all barriers to how men can express themselves, especially in college."

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Sophomore

"TMAC has encouraged me to be more of an individual," Metzler said.

TMAC has been very well received so far, according to the group. "Many people appreciate men taking a stand on the fact that we are not immune to the pressures of conforming to an idealistic culture," Albert said.

Metzler said that though it is difficult for him to explain TMAC and for others to understand it, the discussion within the group is invaluable.

"Men's issues are something

that no college can afford to ignore," Metzler said. "We see its effects every day in terms of homophobia and violence and oppression of men by men, not to mention the unacceptable mistreatment of women."

"Hopefully, with TMAC, incoming freshmen's outlook will be, 'If [TMAC members] can talk about it, so can we,'" said Brooks, who hopes that TMAC's example will help other men at Tufts to intervene when a friend's behavior is inappropriate.

Other projects TMAC hopes to begin include a big brother mentor program with high school or middle school students to talk about alcohol, drugs and the responsibilities of being a man.

This semester, TMAC currently has two events planned. On March 31 from 8 to 11 p.m., two slam poets will perform and address the emotional impact of domestic violence on men.

"We're also trying to recruit people from the Tufts community to perform their own piece — men or women," Brooks said.

"It should be a good event, and we're expecting more than 100 people to attend, with food and entertainment," he added.

Another event will be a barbeque, to be held on Fletcher Field. TMAC hopes to show the film "Fight Club" and have a subsequent movie analysis and discussion.

Men interested in joining TMAC should contact DP Albert at Daniel.Albert@Tufts.edu. Meetings are at 10 p.m. on Tuesdays in Eaton 201.

Not just for grannies: Summer gives tips on trendy tea cocktails

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1 cinnamon stick
4 whole cloves
10 Celestial Seasonings Red Zinger tea bags
3/4 cup amber rum, or to taste
1 navel orange, sliced
Peel ginger and cut crosswise into thin slices. In a medium saucepan, boil water, ginger, sugar, cinnamon stick and cloves, stirring until sugar is dissolved.

Add tea bags and remove pan from heat. Steep tea until cool.

Discard tea bags and cinnamon stick and transfer tea to a pitcher. Chill tea, covered, at least 12 hours and up to one day.

Remove ginger and cloves with a slotted spoon and discard. Stir in rum and orange slices. Serve punch over ice in six stemmed glasses.

Mar-tea-ni (Bon Appetit)

4 cups water
3 Red Zinger tea bags or other hibiscus-flavored tea
1/2 cup sugar
3 cups gin
2 1/2 teaspoons vermouth
12 ice cubes
12 mango slices

Bring four cups water to boil in large saucepan over high heat. Add tea bags and sugar. Remove pan from heat and let steep 20 minutes.

Discard tea bags. Cool tea mixture. Combine tea mixture, gin, and vermouth in large pitcher.

Cover pitcher with plastic

wrap and place in freezer until mixture is cold, about 3 hours. Remove pitcher from freezer; add ice cubes.

Stir briskly to melt ice partially. Strain into twelve chilled Martini glasses. Garnish each glass with mango slice.

The Earl Grey MarTEAni (Businessweek online)

1/2 oz. Tanqueray Gin
4 tbsp. Earl Grey Tea
3/4 oz. freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 oz. simple syrup
1 egg white
1 lemon
1/2 cup sugar

Measure four tablespoons of loose Earl Grey tea into a one-liter bottle of Tanqueray gin. Replace cap, and shake well to agitate.

Allow tea to steep in gin for two hours. To catch loose tea leaves, pour gin infusion through a fine strainer into an empty bottle or bowl.

Take care not to press down on tea to extract excess gin, as this is likely to add unwanted bitterness to the gin.

Rinse out Tanqueray bottle to remove any leftover tea leaves. Pour infused gin back into bottle, cap, and keep chilled in refrigerator.

Measure all ingredients into a mixing glass. Add ice and shake hard. Strain into a chilled martini glass that has been rimmed with lemon zest sugar and add lemon twist.

To prepare lemon zest sugar: Grate the fresh lemon peel, taking care to use only the yellow rind and avoid the bitter white pith. Mix with the sugar.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Ten things I hate about 'She's the Man': new Bynes flick flops

BY DIANA LANDES
Daily Staff Writer

The tagline for "She's the Man," a new comedy directed by Andy Fickman, reads, in part: "Everybody has a secret... Duke

She's the Man
★★★★☆
Starring **Amanda Bynes, Channing Tatum**
Directed by **Andy Fickman**

wants Olivia who likes Sebastian who is really Viola whose brother is dating Monique so she hates Olivia who's with Duke to make Sebastian jealous, who is really Viola, who's crushing on Duke who thinks she's a guy..." Sophisticated prose such as this undoubtedly makes you think "By golly, this film is loosely based on William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night!"

Well, you would be right, you savvy Shakespeare enthusiast, you! But one should keep the word "loosely" in mind when considering the similarities between "Twelfth Night" and "She's the Man." The film, after all, is set in modern



DREAMWORKS PICTURES

The bikini might have been the wardrobe blunder that gave Bynes's gender away.

day America and focuses on high school student Viola (Amanda Bynes) who, after her school's girls' soccer team is cut, pre-

tends to be her brother, Sebastian, at his new boarding school so she can prove to her chauvinist ex-boyfriend and ex-soc-

cer coach that the on-field and off-, girls are just as good as boys.

Of course, misunderstandings and complications of all kinds abound. Apparently, disguising oneself as the opposite sex is difficult, though ever so amusing in the land of feel-good comedies. Viola's difficulties escalate as she begins to fall for her roommate and teammate Duke, who, as the tagline explains, likes the beautiful Olivia, who has fallen for the sensitive and caring Sebastian (though Sebastian is really Viola; hope you are following).

With the plucky Amanda Bynes, a former staple of Nickelodeon sketch comedy shows, as the film's star, "She's the Man" is sure to lure in the tween-to-teenage crowd. Though she is immensely appealing to a desirable market, Bynes doesn't offer much in the way of acting. Bynes playing a man is just plain uncomfortable to watch.

As Sebastian, Viola looks less like a soccer-playing hunk and more like a round-faced, British, 12-year-old paperboy. But making Viola an even less convincing boy is Bynes' male accent which, in one string of words, varies from street gangster to southern redneck to Scottish policeman,

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THEATER REVIEW

Pinter's 'Betrayal' brings infidelity and romantic ruin to Boston

BY STEPHANIE VALLEJO
Daily Editorial Board

He loves her, she loves him, but he's married to somebody else — and actually, so is she. Playing now at the Devanaughn

Betrayal
★★★★☆
At Devanaughn Theatre
791 Tremont Street, Boston
Through April 9

Theatre, Harold Pinter's well-known tale of the love triangle, "Betrayal," shows how three really can be company when the three are a husband, a wife and their "best man."

Pinter, a Nobel laureate, built this play backwards, setting the scene in the present, then two years earlier, then one year earlier than that, and so on. Detailing the affair of Emma (Rose Carlson) and Jerry (Mark Hessler), the wife and best friend of the deceived husband Robert (Rob O'Dwyer), the story opens on the demise of Emma and Robert's marriage two years after Emma and Jerry's affair has ended. The ruin of both romantic relationships is clear, while the friendship of the men is thrown into question, as it has seemingly survived.

To begin, Emma and Jerry uneasily reunite in a pub, attempting to behave well yet falling into recriminations as Emma tells Jerry that her marriage to his best friend has failed and that she has told her husband about their affair after having learned of her husband's numerous affairs. The actors strike a perfect pitch. Hessler is flippant while Carlson is matter-of-fact, and the audience is introduced to the latest, perhaps most poignant betrayal: that of Emma's confession to her husband, Jerry's best friend.

In the next scene, when it's clear that Robert has known for far longer than Jerry could even imagine, what one would expect to be a messy altercation is just two old friends visiting. Hessler's shock as he portrays his character's true ignorance of his relationship with his best friend is tragic, yet somehow he easily gulps it down as he gulps his brandy. These scenes set the distant tone for the rest of the play,



MEREDITH WILBUR/DEVANAUGHN THEATRE

"Aww, honey, with a couple of drinks even your hair looks good."

which reveals a little more about Emma and Jerry's relationship but is less interesting because of the affair's clichéd development.

The detachment continues, however — even the all-important scene that reveals how Robert finds out about his wife's affair with his best friend becomes anti-climactic in its aloof delivery and urbanity. The strong emotion that occasionally builds slowly diffuses through the cold, stilted relations among the characters. Ultimately the audience is rewarded by the strangely uplifting final scene, which explains how it all began.

Robert handles his wife's affair with a dry, bemused resignation, not even bothering to confront his best friend. Emma takes on each new twist with a brittle secretiveness, as she comes to lie not only to her husband, but to her lover as well.

Carlson holds it all together, as she is the precarious connection between the two men, and her strength and self-awareness give her somewhat unlikable character a realistic edge.

Inane words and empty Britishisms fill

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ALBUM REVIEW

New album explores Harper's 'Sides'

BY ALEX GOLUB-SASS
Contributing Writer

Remember the days when the artistic expression of a musician was more than a couple of singles? When an

Ben Harper
Both Sides of the Gun
★★★★☆
Virgin Records

entire album was focused around a central theme that wasn't the opposite gender? For those of you who believed the idea of the "concept album" to be a thing of the past, do yourself a favor and pick up Ben Harper's new release, "Both Sides of the Gun."

Ben Harper is no newcomer to the music scene, putting out seven studio albums in the past 12 years. He is an icon in both the jam band and the alternative scene, having played several incarnations of the famed Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival and penning such songs as the immensely popular singles "Burn One Down" and "Steal My Kisses."

Like the title of any real concept album, "Both Sides of the Gun" has

great meaning: Harper's most recent production lyrically explores two very different aspects of life while exhibiting his diverse musical repertoire. The liner notes subtitle the record "An Album in Two Parts," referring to the fact that, while each disc of this double album deals with independent ideas, the album would not be complete without both sides.

The first song of the album, "Morning Yearning," sets the tone for the first disc. It is a classic Harper studio work: The song is soft and slow with acoustic guitar, light percussion and a small orchestral string section. Harper's calming voice, with its timid falsetto, sings a sad song of lost love.

The next three songs leave little question that the first disc deals with Harper's lamented love and the inner turmoil that ensued. The poetic lyrics, set in slow tempos, continue, and although the musical style varies, it does so only slightly.

The second disc is the truly original piece of the album. The song "Better Way" starts the other side with a faster pace and bohemian flavor. Harper's lyrics take a very different direction as he takes aim at soci-

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Ben Harper is a smooth [Innocent] Criminal.

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Arts Briefs

DESTROYER RAZES THE ROOF AT THE MIDDLE EAST TONIGHT

Only a few weeks ago, Dan Bejar rolled through Boston as a member of power-pop collective the New Pornographers, and he now returns to town with his other band, Destroyer. With a band name like Destroyer, you'd probably expect the band's live show to be a sonic assault of death metal proportions. Fans of the New Pornographers shouldn't worry — the band isn't a side project for Bejar to vent his heavy metal ambitions, but rather an outlet for his inner Bob Dylan.

On his latest release, the highly acclaimed "Destroyer's Rubies," Bejar combines his singer-songwriter chops with New Pornographer pop sensibility. The result is some of the most literate and unique song-songwriter releases in a long time. Destroyer performs with Neil Young-style country rockers Magnolia Electric Co. at the Middle East tonight at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12.

PO' LITTLE JAZZ BOYS TAKE THE STAGE AT JIMMY TINGLE'S

Watch po' boys make good this Thursday evening at Davis Square's premier venue, Jimmy Tingle's Off Broadway. Keith Hollis and The Po' Boyz team up with Jimmy Tingle himself for an evening of jazz and jokes, the latest of Jimmy Tingle's series of shows with proceeds given to Arlington-based non-profit counseling center, Right Turn.

Keith Hollis and the Po' Boyz combine the talents of leading man Hollis on the Hammond B-3 Organ, Sean Mannion on drums, and Cory Williams on slide guitar and guitar, delivering a sound that melds acid jazz, blues, and funk. Though Boston-based, the band finds its musical roots in the soulful influence of the New Orleans jazz scene and was warmly received in the French Quarter during the 2005 New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival. Catch the band before it heads to California in April on a tour with alto sax player Sam Kininger of the bands Lettuce and Soulive. The event begins at 7:30 p.m., and student tickets are \$10.



'NO SHOES, NO SHIRT, NO SERVICE' TENET DOESN'T APPLY TO BAREFOOT DIVA

The Barefoot Diva, nicknamed for her propensity for performing sans shoes, is coming to Beantown again. Cesaria Evora, Cape Verdean superstar, will be performing at the Orpheum Theater on March 31st at 8 p.m.

Evora, born on the island of São Vicente, Cape Verde, is the queen of Cape Verdean folk music and phenomenally popular around the world. She sings primarily in a style called *morna*, which is notable for its mournfully wistful melodies and accompaniments and is often about the turbulent history of the former Portuguese colony and its people, who are scattered across the globe. This style, descendent of Portuguese laments, *fado*, and mixed with African blues, highlights her deep, soulful voice and phrasing, making her sound almost universally recognizable for its timbre and texture.

Evora was 47 when she recorded her first album in 1988. Since then, however, she's released numerous CDs and performed hundreds of times around the world as one of the most influential female folk artists. Evora won a Grammy in 2004 for the Best Contemporary World Music Album, and continues to sing mostly in her native Creole-Portuguese. Tickets for the concert can be purchased through Ticketmaster.

— compiled by Greg Connor, Stephanie Vallejo and Rita Reznikova

Bynes' 'She's the Man' sends mixed girl power message

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making viewers wonder if the brother she's imitating is confused about his nationality or functionally schizophrenic.

Perhaps this accent confusion is meant to illustrate how difficult it is for Viola to become Sebastian. Instead, it comes off as bad acting and is more irritating than anything else.

Making a surprising but delightful appearance in this film, among a cast of relative newcomers, is David Cross of "Arrested Development," "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" (2004), and a slew of other acclaimed projects. Cross plays Principal Gold, the well-meaning but clueless head of Sebastian's new school. Cross's few scenes are among the funniest of the film, as he brings his irreverent, silly humor to each.

The other cast members are not remarkable for much, except their impossibly good looks. Though one's instinct is to immediately hate her because she's so naturally beautiful, Laura Ramsey as Olivia is quite pleasant and likeable.

The first image of a shirtless Duke is enough to make even the most heterosexual male swoon a little, and though his lines are at times delivered like a truck driver from the wrong side of the tracks, he is a decent leading man.

"She's the Man" was written by Ewan Leslie, Karen McCullah and Kirsten



DREAMWORKS PICTURES

Now here's how a real dude eats his grub, bro.

Smith; the latter two wrote "10 Things I Hate About You," another modern adaptation of a Shakespeare play. "She's the Man" fits right in with the "10 Things" genre — it is a sort of funny, predictable teen comedy that the 12-year-old UGG-wearing set will surely appreciate, because it meets the requisite slapstick and cute boy quota.

For the general public, this is just another silly film with the ostensible message that "girls don't need boys to

succeed." But in truth, the underlying message of "She's the Man" seems to be that without a boyfriend, girls are incomplete and miserable. If at the end Viola and Duke did not get together (surprise!), the message that would have been sent is "you may not always land the hot soccer player, but you are just as whole, just as smart, just as beautiful without him." That's a message that this film — and most films of this genre — consistently and regrettably lack.

Nobody breaks hearts (and minds) like the British do

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the silences of this drama, but they're ultimately unimportant. The life in Pinter's dialogue is from the silences: the gaps, halts, and starts. Hessler makes good use of this feature, and at times delivers his lines with spot-on comic timing, as his character spends most of the play unaware of the subtext that lurks behind every moment with his lover and his best friend.

Certain lines vividly capture the conflict in the play; in the final scene, as Emma attempts to deny Jerry's initial advance, she reminds him that he was her husband's best man in their wedding. Jerry replies, "Your best man." It sums up the complex relationship of the three, a web that perhaps cut short Emma and Robert's marriage — or perhaps prolonged it.

O'Dwyer gives a solid interpretation of the charmingly brutish man's man and alpha male, giving Robert, the seemingly cuckolded husband, a certain dignity. Robert is not so bothered by his wife's affair; sheepishly, yet cuttingly, he remarks that he's always liked Jerry more than his wife, anyway.

Betrayal infuses every moment of the play; the Devanaughn's production makes the audience wonder just who was betrayed. Each actor takes his or her



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Cast members of "Betrayal" discover that yoga therapy isn't really working for their particular issues.

respective character's personalities in a less emotional, more cynical direction.

While one may expect to see the strong feelings requisite to betrayals manifest themselves forcefully, this sad-

der, gentler execution of Pinter's tale leaves the audience wondering what tied these three together in the first place. No one has ever betrayed anyone quite so politely.

'Both Sides of the Gun' showcases Harper's diverse styles

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ety and decries the direction in which the world is heading. With lyrics like "What good is a man / who won't take a stand / What good is a cynic / with no better plan," Harper moves away from his normally introspective mindset and begins to comment on the world around him.

With "Black Rain," Harper and Jason Yates write a true protest song, commenting on the post-Katrina relief effort, the war in Iraq and the current administration's handling of the two. Harper doesn't stop with a single track, however; in "Gather 'Round the Stone" he uses lyrics like "You whip the back of freedom / 'till it bleeds an oil stream / Then you sail down upon it / in your killing machine" to erase any doubt of his meaning.

That is not to say that the album only deals with dark, depressing issues. The song "Get It Like You Like It" provides a little comic relief with lyrics about the glorious 2004 World

Series victory of the Boston Red Sox.

He is an icon in both the jam band and the alternative scene, having played several incarnations of the famed Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival and penning such songs as the immensely popular singles "Burn One Down" and "Steal My Kisses."

The varying styles of music on the second disc are also important aspects of the album because, like the lyrics, the genres explore different outlooks. The bohemian "Better Way" leads

into Harper's Sly Stone impression on the album's title track. "Please Don't Talk About Murder While I'm Eating" has an indie vibe, and "The Way You Found Me" is jazz.

Ben Harper shows just how talented he is on this album. The lyrics are of a quality that is rarely seen in music anymore. They are piercing yet poetic, with an almost Dylan-esque property. The musical styles of the record vary through diverse genres, while their quality is on par with the lyrics.

The two discs combine to create Ben Harper himself. Each disc deals with a different side of Harper: The first concerns Harper's feelings and thoughts about himself while the second addresses his outlook on the past, present and future of society.

This album is a gem in today's music, as a musician can rarely take so many different styles and ideas and create one cohesive work with a common theme. Ben Harper brings back the "concept album" and embraces a long-dormant art form that expresses true artistry in music.

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EDITORIAL

Threats against China are counterproductive

As two Democratic Senators return from a week-long trip in China, they remain disturbingly un-averse to draconian trade legislation. Despite having met with many high-level officials concerning a reevaluation of China's currency, the renminbi, Senators Charles Schumer and Lindsey Graham have not yet decided if they will force a vote this Friday.

Though the bill will likely never become law due to strong Republican House leadership, the threat levying 27.5 percent tariffs on China should its government fail to move towards a floating currency runs the risk of further souring U.S.-China relations.

China underwent its first reevaluation of the renminbi last July, allowing the currency to appreciate 2.1 percent against its pegged rate to the U.S. dollar. Since then, however, there has only been a gradual move upward, less than one percent.

China has never indicated that the transition from a pegged to a floating exchange rate would be quick. Despite this, there has been continued pressure for a rapid transition from a variety of U.S. officials, ranging from Treasury Secretary John Snow to Senators Schumer and Graham.

The U.S. accusations against China primarily hinge on the fact that the ren-

minbi has been kept artificially low, which has allowed for significant export growth in China at the expense of other western countries — and the burgeoning U.S. current account deficit. A lower value of the renminbi means that American consumers can receive more renminbi per dollar; thus goods become cheaper.

Though China does represent nearly 28 percent of the U.S.'s current \$726 billion dollar deficit, China is by no means the only problem. Other significant factors include the paltry domestic savings level, which creates a reliance on global savings, as well as relatively inelastic demand for imports. Both of these have been brushed under the carpet in search of a Chinese scapegoat.

China, however, is in need of currency reform. A floating exchange rate is more conducive to capital flow, and will allow the economy to continue to grow as it can benefit from increased international capital. In addition, it will ease tensions with many of China's major trading partners in Europe and North America, and textile and other trade wars will not erupt so flagrantly.

The Chinese government is in the process of establishing this reform, however, and it has been making continued efforts over the last year to integrate itself

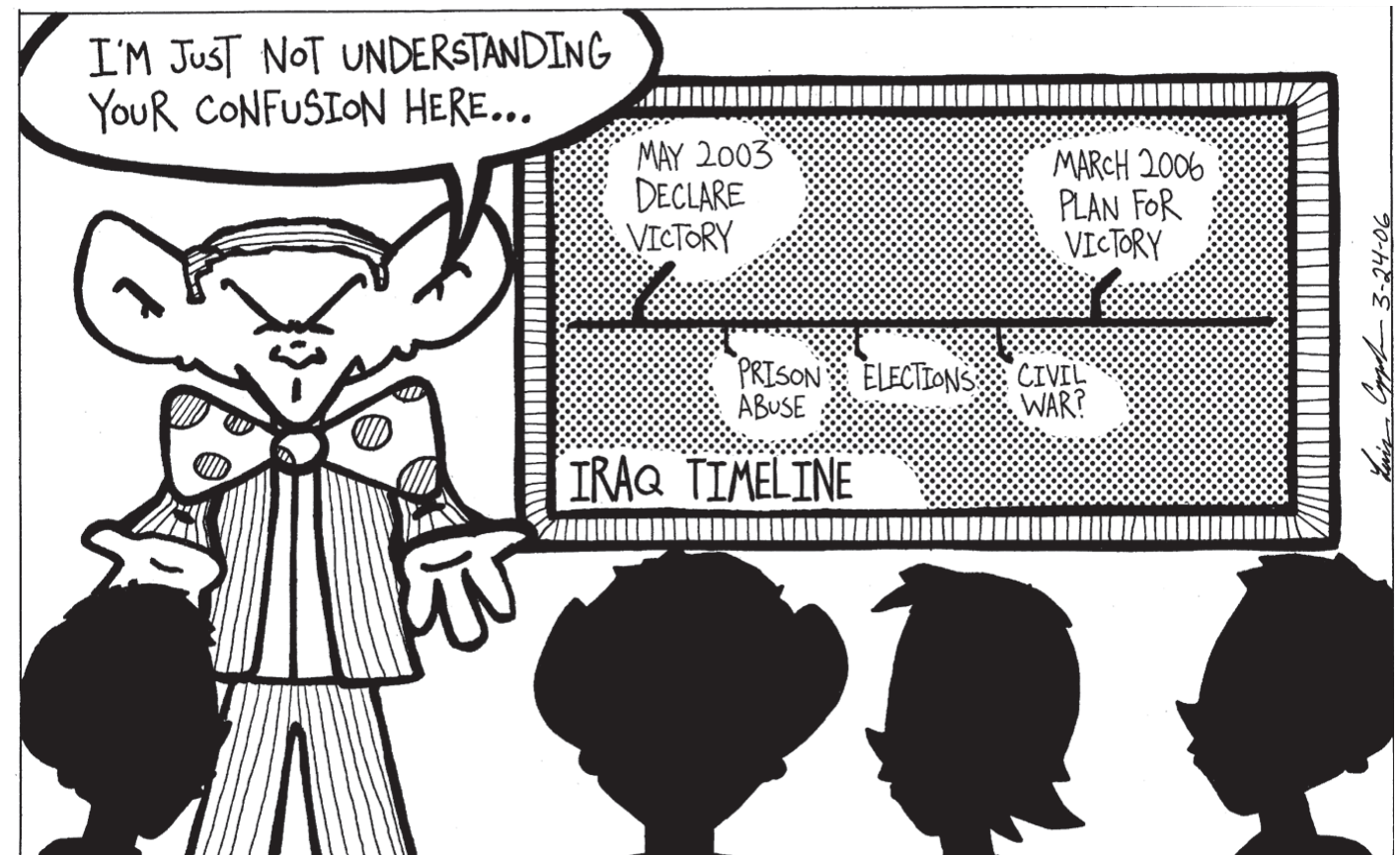
more fully into the international financial framework. The development of a market-maker system — in which banks can trade amongst themselves instead of through the government — has allowed for greatly improved liquidity, as well as increased volatility.

The government has permitted use of forward contracts, as well as other derivatives such as swaps. These financial instruments allow businesses to hedge currency risk and reduce the uncertainty and financial risk associated with doing business with China.

After spending a week in China, it is disheartening that these senators have failed to see the progress China has made. It serves little purpose to threaten a country in the process of reform with exorbitant tariffs. While they claim they will take into consideration the forthcoming visit of Chinese President Hu Jintao to the United States in April, even vocalizing threats risks damaging relations with China.

China plays an integral role in the global economy, and it must not be treated as an inferior partner. While the United States must continue to support and help foster financial reform, hollow threats are counterproductive, and officials should be reaching for carrots, not sticks.

LOUIS COPPOLA



CORRECTION

Due to a production error, the continuation of the Arts article "Stella's Harvard show a worthwhile trip" (Mar. 17, 2006) was cut off. The full version is available online at www.tuftsdaily.com. The Daily regrets the error.

OFF THE HILL EDITORIAL | U. PITTSBURGH

Afghan case prompts questions

THE PITT NEWS

Under current law in Afghanistan, it's illegal to convert to another religion. The crime is considered severe enough to warrant the death penalty in some cases. Abdul Rahman, a longtime Christian convert who spent several years in Germany, is learning this lesson the hard way.

Rahman, 41, was arrested in Kabul last month. Although set to go to trial for his conversion, his psychological health is now being questioned. Prosecutors for the conservative Islamic state have said that he may be mentally unfit for trial — a futile attempt to sidestep a serious problem.

By declaring Rahman mentally unfit, the Afghani prosecutors avoid having to choose sides. They don't have to go against their Islamic laws, and they don't have to anger the Western governments that have been supporting them. The problem is, these problems won't go

away. Eventually the government will have to decide on a viewpoint, and no matter what they choose, they will anger and upset people.

To many, especially those in secular or Westernized countries, the idea of killing someone based on his faith — whether the faith he was born into or one he picked up later in life — is atrocious. Different lands have different customs, though, and arguing that one culture's morals are superior to another is largely useless.

The problem here is that the United States supported this government. We displaced the Taliban so that democracy, freedom and brotherly love could flourish — but instead, the same basic intolerances have been perpetuated. Why did we go into Afghanistan in the first place, and what did we accomplish while we were there?

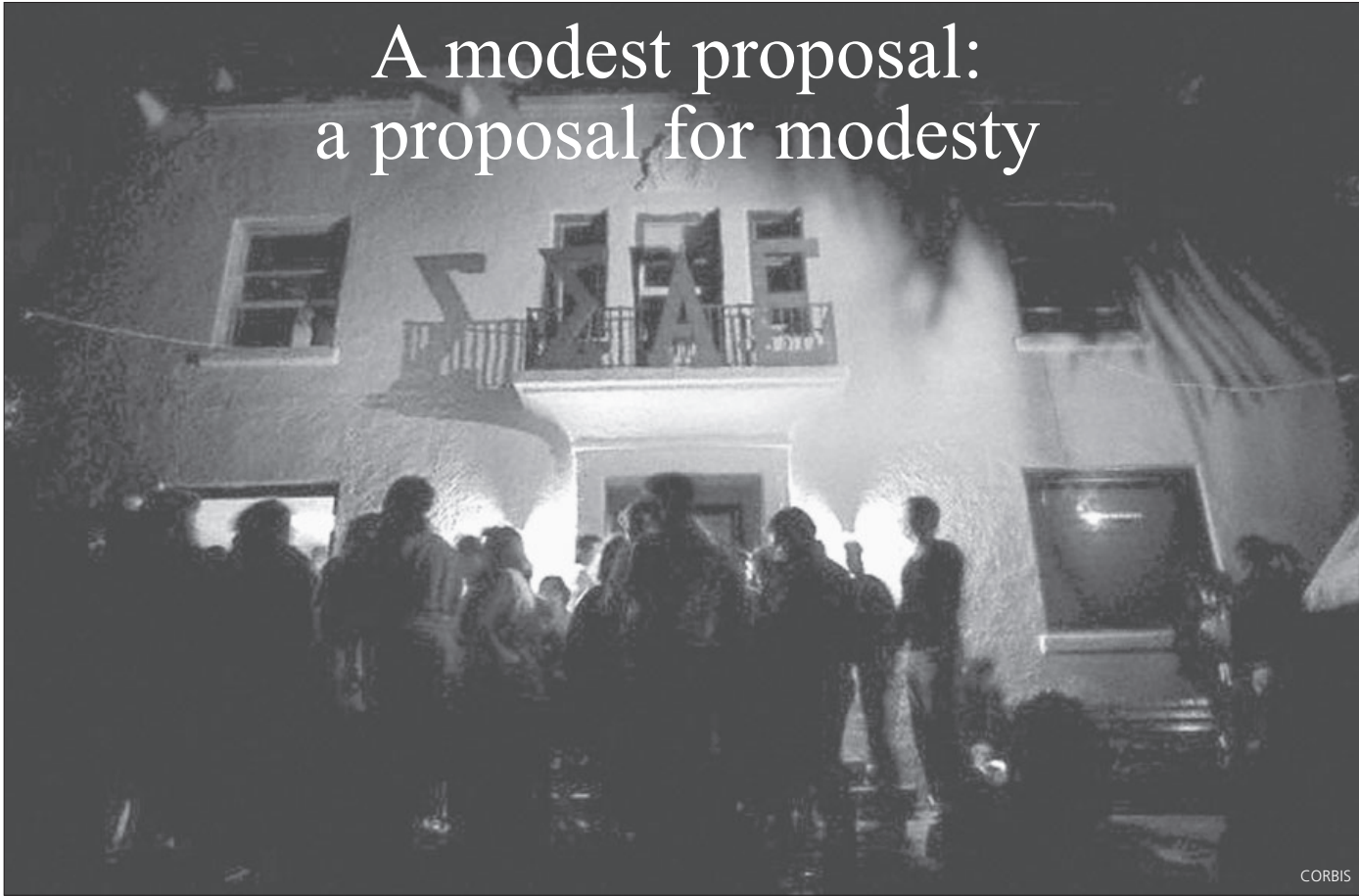
In many ways this is just another echo of the troubles of the Palestinian government. Encouraging a society to function as a democracy does not ensure that

society will elect leaders who mirror the sentiments of our own government. The customs and beliefs of any nation are shared by more than just the highest-ranking governing officials; getting rid of authority figures is not the same thing as getting rid of longstanding ideologies.

After all, if an outside force were to enter America and depose the president and many of his advisers and officials, the rest of the country would still believe in the same basic moral right and wrongs. Citizens would still believe in the idea of a democratic republic, and in the rights, the freedoms and also the limitations in place in America.

Bush has not come out and demanded that the case against Rahman be dropped, but he has expressed disappointment at his arrest; now is the time when the United States finds out how much control it has over Afghanistan. The questions of how much control we should have and how much we should have had all along are more difficult to answer.

A modest proposal: a proposal for modesty



BY SAJ POTHIAWALA

Well children, you've gone and done it. You've angered the college party gods.

As a recent alumnus, I am well aware of the fact that Tufts is not exactly a "party school." In the 2006 official party school rankings issued jointly by U.S. News and World Report and the good people at the Solo Cup Company, Tufts held court just below Brigham Young University (BYU) and just above the University of Phoenix; the former being a Mormon institution and the latter granting degrees almost entirely via the Internet.

This is no slight to Tufts students. You young ones more than make due, just as

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your predecessors have in the past. But call a spade a spade. Tufts is no Ohio State or University of Miami. Hell, it's not even Middlebury (and according to the U.S. News and World Report, it's not even BYU.)

Which is why I was delighted to hear of the ingenuity of one such young man, a Mr. Michael Sparandara, in a Mar. 13, 2006 Tufts Daily article ("Throwing an off-campus party: tough stuff?") — nay, exposé — on the topic of off-campus partying.

Mr. Sparandara, as the article tells me, routinely finds humorous themes to engage his guests, sends out almost uncountable Evites, and makes every effort to "mix the party up" (i.e. putting out roasted garlic hummus with pita chips instead of more conventional party fare for his guests to nibble on, or similar zany doings). I applaud and appreciate this sort of innovation. What I do not appreciate is Mr. Sparandara's lack of humility. And THAT, students of Tufts, is why you have angered the college party gods.

Mr. Sparandara's innovativeness is not without precedent, oh no. But this is something he has failed to realize. When recounting the most successful of his zany parties, one with a Eurotrash theme, Mr. Sparandara is quoted as saying that his was "the original."

As soon as those words hit the printing press, an alarm went off in the college party gods' fortress of solitude, after which I was soon contacted by them and alerted to this young man's "brazen bravado," as they called it (they are partial to useless alliteration). As the earthly liaison to the college party gods, I urged them to remain calm. I urged them to keep from doing something rash (like close another fraternity). Lastly, I agreed to speak to you, the Tufts student body, on their behalf.

Not to pick on Mr. Sparandara, but his Eurotrash-themed party was most certainly NOT the original. In February of 2005, just over a year ago, my friends and I threw a spectacular Eurotrash

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A Milosevic retrospective: prospects for impartiality

BY DANIEL VAJDIC

This viewpoint is in response to Ben Harburg's Mar. 16 Viewpoint titled "A Milosevic retrospective: prospects for international justice." Although I acknowledge Ben's experience and admire his decision to work at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, his recent article demonstrates an evident lack of understanding of the Balkans and the complexity of Yugoslavia's disintegration.

The most troubling aspect of Ben's article is his decision to utilize extremely one-sided and often misleading examples.

According to Ben, there exist three categories of war criminals: paramilitary troops, racial supremacists and political opportunists. His first example

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is Zeljko "Arkan" Raznatovic, a Serb paramilitary leader turned local gangster who was gunned down in a Belgrade hotel in 2000. Although Raznatovic was never tried for his crimes, there is ample evidence to suggest his culpability.

Nevertheless, Arkan and his "Tigers" were not the only paramilitary group operating during the unruly fragmentation of Yugoslavia. The HOS, for example, was a Croatian paramilitary unit dedicated to ethnically cleansing the Serbian minority from Croatia. They were an extreme right-wing organization bent on resurrecting the Ustasha movement.

The Ustasha militia was a fascist organization sponsored by Nazi Germany. It organized the extermination of roughly half a million Serbs and thousands of Jews during World War II. The HOS was devoted to restoring this fascist movement and took part in the forced expulsion and ethnic cleansing of 250,000 Serbs

from Croatia during the disintegration of the former Yugoslavia.

The second category consisted of racial supremacists. Here the example was Vojislav Seselj, or "Vidjislav" Seselj, as Ben identifies him in his article. Vojislav Seselj is an extreme Serbian nationalist whose sanity is questionable at best. Thus, Ben's description of Seselj as a racial and cultural supremacist may not be that far off.

However, Seselj was only one of many such fanatics in the former Yugoslavia. In fact, Franjo Tudjman, the late Croatian president, appears to be one such example. In his book, "Wastelands — Historical Truth," Tudjman essentially praises the Ustasha movement, questions the number of Serbs and Jews exterminated during the Holocaust and displays an evident degree of anti-Semitism. In his Viewpoint, it would have been more appropriate for Ben to compare Tudjman's book to "Mein Kampf" as opposed to

Seselj's rhetoric.

The late president of Bosnia, Alija Izetbegovic, resembles Seselj and Tudjman in his tendency to promote intolerance and cultural supremacy. In his 1990 book titled "The Islamic Declaration," Izetbegovic asserts, "The first and foremost of such conclusions is surely the one on the compatibility of Islam and non-Islamic systems. There can be no peace or coexistence between the 'Islamic faith' and the non-Islamic societies and political institutions... Islam clearly excludes the right and possibility of activity of any strange ideology on its own turf."

According to Ben, the third and final category of war criminals is "composed of individuals regarded as political opportunists and de facto war profiteers." Indeed, Ben is absolutely correct in his assertion that Slobodan Milosevic falls into this category.

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Negotiating the line between liberty and security

Welcome back to Tufts! I hope you all had a wonderful break filled with binge drinking and other amusing activities. Unfortunately, my break did not consist of days on the beach or nights at the bars. No, instead of going to Daytona or St. Barts, I spent my time in good old Mendon, Massachusetts doing more important and productive things... like going to see "V for Vendetta" with my little brother.

For those not aware, "V for Vendetta" was released into theaters the Friday before spring break. It was produced and written by brothers Andy and Larry Wachowski, otherwise known as the creators of "The Matrix" trilogy. The story takes place in England and follows a masked hero, known only as V, as he engages in escapades of terror against the government. His hobbies include blowing up symbolic structures and killing prominent members of the ruling political party.

Everything, however, is complicated by a few important factors. The story is set in 2020 and depicts England as a fascist police state complete with torture chambers, a department of propaganda, curfews, and wiretapping (and all the other obligatory oppressive police state proponents).

Let me first say that I genuinely enjoyed this movie for both its entertainment value and also for the message that I was able to take away from it. However, not everyone is leaving the multiplex with the same message that I am. (Surprise, surprise.) Perhaps I should explain why this film has been labeled "brave and relevant" by many liberal pundits and celebrities.

Their basic argument draws a direct connection between the government depicted in "V for Vendetta" and the current Bush Administration. In the film, the British Chancellor secretly orchestrates the murder of thousands of British citizens. The government then conveniently blames "terrorists" for these horrific acts and is able to use these events to exert complete control over the population. As V says in the film, "fear became the ultimate tool of this government." That is essentially why this movie is being called "brave and relevant." It seems to be "calling out" the Bush Administration for secretly wiretapping phones and taking action to "protect" the homeland and its people.

"V for Vendetta" comes at a time when the United States is embroiled in bitter discourse over how to most effectively maintain the integrity of constitutionally guaranteed civil liberties, but also provide for the security of the country. In a perfect world, this line would not have to be negotiated. Phones would not have to be wiretapped and people would not have to be held without due process. Unfortunately, 3,000 Americans were brutally murdered five years ago in attacks that could have been prevented had certain security measures been in place. In order to

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In the Balkans, plenty of blame to go around

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Unlike Tudjman and Izetbegovic, Milosevic was not a true nationalist; he was simply a power-hungry opportunist seeking to exploit Serbian sentiments of vulnerability and anxiety. Ultimately, a significant portion of the blame for the bloodshed in the former Yugoslavia rests with Milosevic.

Thus, Ben and I share nearly identical views with regard to Raznatovic, Seselj and Milosevic. Why, then, was I so outraged by his Viewpoint?

In his Viewpoint, Ben identifies and describes three indicted war criminals, all of them Serbs. This is unacceptable. The conflicts in the former Yugoslavia dragged on for several years and involved numerous parties. In fact, the detainees at the International Criminal Court for the former Yugoslavia are Serbian, Croatian, Bosnian-Muslim, Albanian and Macedonian.

Instead of Raznatovic and his paramilitary group, why not discuss the Croatian HOS? Rather than exclusively labeling Seselj as a cultural supremacist, why not

identify Tudjman and Izetbegovic as well?

While discussing Milosevic's indictment, why not mention that both Tudjman and Izetbegovic were being investigated for similar crimes by the Tribunal prior to their deaths in 1999 and 2003, respectively?

Throughout his article, Ben makes several references to generic war crimes and war criminals. For example, while discussing political opportunists and war profiteers, he declares that "these individuals were not truly racists or warmongers, but they saw violence and polarizing anti-Albanian and Bosnian rhetoric as a means of wielding political power over Serbia and its neighboring states."

Thus, Ben implies that all of these war criminals originated exclusively from Serbia. However, anyone even remotely familiar with the disintegration of the former Yugoslavia will recognize that, while certainly present in Serbia, leaders from both Croatia and Bosnia represented such individuals as well.

The conflicts in the former Yugoslavia were plagued with

innumerable atrocities and ethnic cleansing. Reading Ben's article, one would think that these atrocities were committed exclusively by Serbs and that Slobodan Milosevic is solely to blame for the bloody fragmentation of Yugoslavia.

This is far from true, however. Roughly 250,000 Serbs were ethnically cleansed from Croatia, while another 300,000 have been forced from their homes in Kosovo.

The Serbs that remain in Kosovo live in isolated ghettos, unable to leave their homes for fear of being attacked by the majority ethnic Albanian population. Of the 100,000-120,000 individuals killed in the Bosnian conflict, approximately 32,000-40,000 were Serbs.

Nevertheless, the purpose of this Viewpoint is not to prove that Serbs suffered more than any other ethnic group in the former Yugoslavia; rather, its aim is to demonstrate that the violent disintegration of Yugoslavia resulted in the suffering of all ethnic groups and can ultimately be attributed to a diverse collection of individuals. Milosevic, Tudjman, Izetbegovic and the international community are *all* to blame for the bloody collapse of Yugoslavia.

False claims of originality anger the party gods — and Saj, too

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party. It was so big that it spanned eight stories of a four story Hillside tower, and that's actually not possible. It was so big, that we had the cousin of Günther there, and he gave us a vehement thumbs up. (Yes, that's right, THE Günther. And if you don't know who Günther is, you really shouldn't be throwing Eurotrash parties.)

It was so big, we had people having sex in the bathrooms and strippers snorting lines of cocaine off each other in a configuration I can only compare to an Escher drawing (note: there were no strippers, but, really, who's keeping track.)

It was so big, we had two types of punch, the "über-panty-dropper" and "das-panty-dropper," and we dressed up like the guys from the "Dragostea din tei" video. It was so big, a random break dancing circle erupted spontaneously and it was the site of a now prominent political science teaching assistant debuting his fantastically unskilled break dancing routine. I mean, we had ACTUAL Eurotrash at our party, and they felt completely at home.

I am not trying to prove that our party was better than Mr. Sparandara's (even though it was). And I am not saying that we were the first to ever throw a Eurotrash-themed party. The only claim I make here is that Mr. Sparandara's party was not "the original." Not by a long shot.

Perhaps he had just reinvented the wheel, perhaps he was a subconscious copycat of parties past; it does not matter. What does matter, however, is that Mr. Sparandara's immodesty is not

in the spirit of the college party.

Who invented Beirut (or beer pong for those still sensitive about the Lebanese civil war)? Who played the first game of flip cup? Who figured out that using the words "panty-dropper" in such an overt context would not anger girls as long as you gave them free alcohol? It does not matter. All that matters is that you remember a simple maxim: there were many before you, and there will be many after you.

It was so big that it spanned eight stories of a four-story Hillside tower, and that's actually not possible.

So I implore you: remain humble out of deference for your predecessors. Soon your four years riding the wild wave of your undergraduate education will come to an end and all that will remain of you is an irascible, embittered, shell of your former self who stays in on Fridays after 60-hour work weeks that leave you wholly and completely incapacitated.

I pray that my words do not go unheeded. It would be unfortunate to see a generation of Tuftonians grow up believing that they were the first to hold a flapjacks and 40s breakfast or that they were the progenitors of the vodka-melon.

With that said, enjoy the rest of your year, young ones. It's just unfortunate that the deadline for transfer applications to BYU has already passed.

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ensure that this does not happen again, certain compromises have had to be made. There is really no other choice if Americans are to preserve their way of life. Consider the alternative for a moment.

Should the government not monitor the phone lines of those who could potentially assist or directly participate in acts of terror? Our conservative government is not tapping the phones of Hillary Clinton or John Kerry or other liberal leaders. It is tapping

the phones of those who could contribute to acts of mass murder. That seems to be what most people do not understand.

Now, earlier I said that I came away from this movie with a message. I left the theater thankful to live in a country where movies like "V for Vendetta" can be made and critiqued. In places like Iran and North Korea, films that might possibly be interpreted as criticizing the government would never be released into theaters. In North Korea, people are executed for attempting to leave the country

without permission. Think about the prospect of this for one minute: being executed for wanting to go on spring break. This sort of hypothetical is completely foreign to most Americans, simply unimaginable.

So before you step out of the cinema, infused with anger and ready to fly to Washington to protest the compromises that have been made since 9/11, think seriously about why these have been made and also about the implications of not making them. Then, decide how you really feel.

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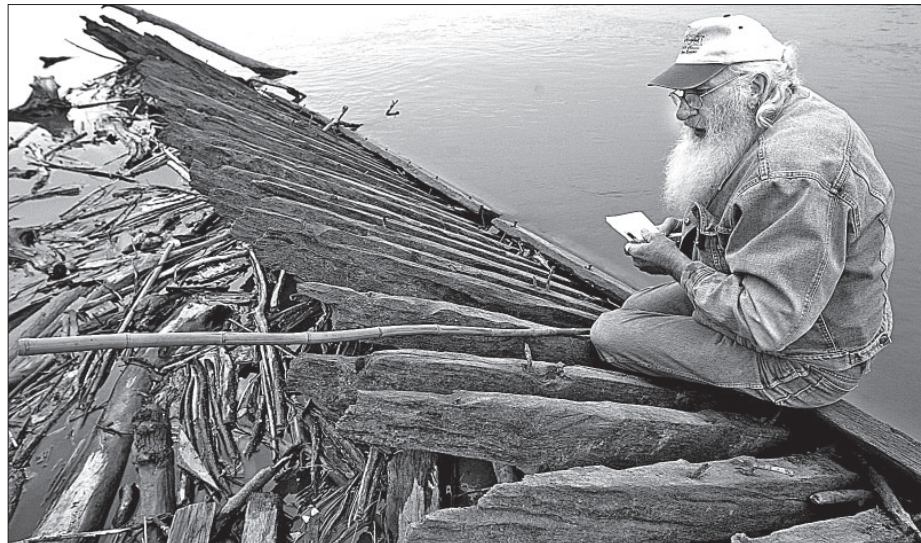
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Trying to save riverboat's remains



LAURIE SKRIVAN/KRT

Nelson Weber of High Ridge, Missouri finishes up the last of his measurements he started taking last year when the water dropped in the Missouri River exposing the Montana's wreckage on the bank across from St. Charles.

BY TINA HESMAN
Knight Ridder Tribune

Nelson O. Weber helped make history. Now he wants to save a piece of it.

As a mechanical engineer at McDonnell Douglas and Boeing, Weber helped get Gemini space capsules and Skylab off the ground.

Now retired, Weber, 67, has turned his attention from spaceships to riverboats. He has undertaken an engineering survey of the wreckage of the steamboat Montana, one of the largest paddlewheel steamboats to ply the Missouri River.

The Montana, he has concluded, is a cultural treasure that should be moved to a museum instead of letting the river rip it timber from timber.

Built in 1879 for a freight company, the Montana and her sister ships, the Dakota and the Wyoming, ruled the river's muddy waters. At 280 feet in length with its paddlewheel, the Montana dwarfed most other riverboats.

She outlived most of them, too. The Montana steamed cargo and passengers up and down the river for nearly five years. Most boats fell prey to branches, debris and other shallow water hazards within a year or two, Weber said.

Ultimately, the Montana proved too big for its bridges. A railroad bridge spanning the river between St. Charles and Bridgeton, Mo., caused the boat's demise when she attempted to pass under the bridge during high water conditions. The paddler lost control and stove into the bridge, beaching on the Bridgeton

side of the river. More than 600 tons of cargo, muddy water and her own weight snapped the Montana's spine.

The remains of the boat are partially buried in the riverbank just south, or upstream, of the Highway 370 Discovery Bridge. Most of the time the river's muddy water obscures the wreckage too, but when the river falls, the Montana's wooden bones protrude.

"She's a skeleton in the sand right now. She comes and she goes," said Annalies Corbin, a maritime archaeologist from East Carolina University. Corbin helped lead an excavation of the Montana in 2002.

Last year, the Missouri was so low that Weber was able to map out nearly the entire width of the ship. The parts that still lay buried in the water and mud, he probed with a bamboo pole. Weber took measurements, drew diagrams, and even got his cousin to fly a small plane over the wreckage so he could take pictures. Some of his detailed photographs will be published in a book written by Corbin.

Her team's dig revealed an unusual design for a flat-bottomed boat. The Montana had a hollowed-out curve at its rear, called a skeg. The design was once thought impossible for a wooden vessel and didn't become popular for almost two decades after the Montana's demise.

The hollow allowed the rudders to sit even with the bottom of the boat, Weber said. The Montana's rudders are still in the left-turn position, evidence of the pilot's last-ditch attempt to save the boat, he surmises.

Republicans divided on push for abortion ban

BY DICK POLMAN
Knight Ridder Tribune

Republicans in Washington are always willing to weigh in on the issues that are important to their conservative base — Iraq, immigration, taxes, federal spending, the Medicare drug plan, the Dubai ports deal, you name it.

But, lately, hardly anybody in the GOP camp seems anxious to address the historic event that transpired this month out on the high plains and now threatens to roll eastward, to the U.S. Supreme Court.

It is, of course, abortion. For the party of the elephant, the new South Dakota law — which prohibits the procedure for every woman in the state, unless she is dying — is truly the elephant in the room.

It puts Republican politicians, especially those seeking the 2008 presidential nomination, squarely on the spot. If they side with conservatives — who tend to vote heavily in the primaries, and who generally hope that the South Dakota law will be a weapon to overturn "Roe v. Wade" — they risk alienating the independent voters who often swing

November elections. The swing people generally desire that the right to legal abortion, as codified by "Roe," be sustained.

That explains why not a single Republican with White House aspirations has declared that the South Dakota law — passed by a Republican legislature, and signed on March 6 by a Republican governor — should be the model for an ultimate ban on abortions nationwide. None bring up the law at all; they have to be asked first.

It's a crossroads moment in the 33-year-old debate. Grassroots conservatives, weary of delay and impatient with their Republican leaders, are clearly forcing the issue, hoping this law might ultimately find a receptive audience in Washington, where the high court is now staffed with two Bush appointees thought to be hostile to "Roe" — with perhaps an opportunity for a third appointee before Bush departs. South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds calls the law "a direct frontal assault" on the landmark 1973 ruling.

Democrats, meanwhile, are dwelling in

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Shuttle launched despite malfunction

BY MICHAEL CABBAGE
Knight Ridder Tribune

Everything appeared normal June 5, 2002, as shuttle Endeavour thundered to orbit from Kennedy Space Center through hazy afternoon skies.

Unknown to the public, however, the Air Force's top two safety officials at Cape Canaveral had tried to stop the countdown. Air Force technicians could not verify that a critical backup system used to destroy errant rockets was working properly.

In an apparently unprecedented move, the safety officers were overruled after a phone conversation between Brig. Gen. Donald Pettit, commander of the Air Force's 45th Space Wing, and KSC Director Roy Bridges.

Endeavour launched minutes later in violation of flight rules designed to protect the public.

Those and other findings are detailed in a 2005 internal briefing on the incident



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The Space Shuttle Endeavour lifts off from the Kennedy Space Center in 1998.

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Professor discovers mysterious gathering of sharks

BY STEPHEN DEERE
Knight Ridder Tribune

For a man who had spent a lifetime researching sharks, what Samuel Gruber saw diving four years ago off the Jupiter Inlet was nothing short of a religious experience.

About 100 adult lemon sharks hovered over the ocean floor in about 90 feet of water.

Throughout his 40-plus-year career, Gruber had seen maybe 15 or 20 adult lemon sharks, distinguished by their yellowish brown tint and dual dorsal fins.

"In one day I saw more adults by a power of five than I have in my whole career," said Gruber, 67, who has visited the site between December and March every year since.

Nowhere else in the world does such a phenomenon exist, Gruber said. And Gruber, among the world's leading authorities on sharks, has been trying to answer a simple question: What brings



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Grant Johnson, left, manager of the Bimini Biological Field Station, Bimini, Bahamas, drives home a Casey tag near the dorsal fin, as doctoral student Bryan Franks prepares to record basic information on the male Lemon shark in Jupiter, Florida.

them here?

Gruber's initial theory is that female sharks are emitting chemical signals called

pheromones that attract male sharks. But why they've chosen this particular spot to conduct their courtship

remains a mystery. Does it have something to do with

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Supreme Court to hear challenge of special war courts

BY CAROL ROSENBERG
Knight Ridder Tribune

Five years ago, Salim Hamdan was living all but anonymously in Taliban-ruled Afghanistan, driving a Toyota pickup for Osama bin Laden on his Kandahar farm.

On Tuesday, the tale of the wiry Yemeni with a fourth-grade education will take center stage at the U.S. Supreme Court, as lawyers argue a landmark case over whether President Bush had the power to create a special war court to try Hamdan.

An extraordinary case for extraordinary times, Hamdan's constitutional challenge claims that the court the Pentagon constructed is unfair and un-American. He's joined in his argument by a celebrated cast of supporters — a former secretary of state, retired federal judges and U.S. military officers, and international jurists — in a clash that's not lost on him.

"Are we going to be making history?" he asked his military lawyer, Navy Lt. Comdr. Charles Swift, as the case headed for the high court.

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Friday April 7, 6PM:

Stations of the Cross @ Goddard

Sunday April 9, 10PM:

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Friday April 14, 6PM:

Good Friday Tenebrae Service @
the Catholic Center

Sunday April 16, 10AM:

Easter Sunday Mass @ Goddard

Memo reveals space shuttle launched in 2002 despite objections by officials

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written by investigators with NASA's Office of the Inspector General. The draft, a copy of which was obtained by the Orlando Sentinel, concluded the "Entire Florida Central Coast (was) placed at UNKNOWN but INCREASED risk."

Despite those findings, NASA Inspector General Robert "Moose" Cobb derailed the inquiry and declared the issue an Air Force matter last year, according to investigators familiar with the case. Sources in Cobb's office said they were forbidden from interviewing Bridges and Pettit or requesting crucial information from the Air Force.

"It was obvious to me that he didn't want to make the agency (NASA) look bad," said a former investigator in the office, who spoke on the condition of anonymity. "He wouldn't do his job."

Cobb, a White House political appointee, is under investigation by an administration integrity committee after being accused of repeatedly quashing cases and retaliating against those who resisted.

The Sentinel interviewed five current or former investigators in NASA's Inspector General's Office, as well as a safety official at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, for this story. All requested anonymity because of concerns they would face retaliation for speaking publicly.

Cobb referred an e-mail request for an interview last week to Madeline Chulumovich, his executive officer.

"Our audit office is working on a report on how this safety matter has been resolved," Chulumovich said. "We've never stopped work on this issue."

All manned and unmanned rocket launches from KSC and Cape Canaveral are supported by the Air Force's Eastern Range.

The range is a network of tracking and communications stations that extend more than 5,000 miles from Cape Canaveral to Ascension Island in the South Atlantic. The network is managed in the Range Operations Control Center, or ROCC, at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

One of the main reasons the range exists is to ensure public safety.

All rockets launched from Cape Canaveral are equipped with explosive devices to destroy them if they veer off course. Both of the shuttle's pencil-shaped booster rockets have such devices, which range-safety officers can detonate by remote control. During the 1986 Challenger disaster, a safety officer used the system to destroy the shuttle's still-intact boosters as they arced uncontrollably away from the massive explosion.

As with other critical functions, the so-called command-destruct system has a

backup communication link in case the primary link fails. Launch rules mandate that both links must be working properly before a mission lifts off.

On June 5, 2002, Endeavour was poised to begin a 14-day flight to the international space station. Bad weather and a faulty valve in one of Endeavour's rocket pods had delayed the launch for almost a week. Weather conditions were expected to worsen the next day.

As countdown clocks ticked toward a 5:23 p.m. liftoff, the backup command-destruct link went down about 2:30 p.m. Components were changed out, but still the link wouldn't work. After more troubleshooting, the system faded in and out before being reported back online about 3 p.m. However, the link went down again less than an hour later.

According to the document drafted by investigators, Pettit and Bridges discussed the problem at some point late in the countdown in a "totally non-standard procedure" that occurred off of the regular communications network used by range personnel.

The investigators concluded it would be "unacceptable" for the KSC director, who has no role in the final countdown, and the range commander to privately develop a rationale for waiving a safety requirement. There was a "distinct probability" that occurred, investigators determined, although there was no definitive proof.

"Because we weren't allowed to interview the two key people, Bridges and Pettit, we don't know exactly what was said," a former NASA investigator familiar with the case pointed out. "But everyone in the room knew Pettit was off the net[work] and on the phone with Bridges."

Bridges, who retired from NASA last year, said Friday he did not remember the incident but that he typically spoke to range officials only to get updates on problems.

"That [waiving the requirement] is something that I would not have pushed him (Pettit) to do, one way or another," said Bridges, a retired Air Force general who once held the job as the Eastern Range commander. "I don't recall the conversation, but I'm sure I was just trying to find out what Don was looking into and what the prognosis was — not push him in any direction."

Attempts by e-mail and telephone to contact Pettit, who retired from the Air Force in 2002, were unsuccessful.

By an hour before launch, Pettit had decided to waive the requirement for two command-destruct links, investigators found.

The ROCC, from which Pettit worked, is several miles from KSC's Launch Control Center. Although there are communica-

tions between the two, NASA's shuttle-launch team relies solely on the Air Force for the decision on whether the range is "red" or "green."

Two range officials — the mission flight-control officer and the chief of safety — are responsible for determining whether the command-destruct system is working and the public is protected. During the final poll before liftoff, both responded "no go" because of the system's problems.

Pettit overruled them, however, and declared the range green "with little if any discussion," according to the briefing document drafted by investigators. Shuttle managers launched Endeavour without ever knowing of the safety officers' actions.

No one interviewed by investigators, or by the Orlando Sentinel, was aware of another example in the history of U.S. human spaceflight in which the range's top two safety officials were "no go" and the range commander overruled them.

"The commander has the authority to do that," a NASA investigator said. "But the review couldn't find another case where this had happened."

Just before Endeavour's liftoff, internal system testing appeared to indicate the backup link was working. However, investigators found that the "functionality of the 2nd string was never verified" and an "external test (was) never conducted to verify communications with (the launch) vehicle."

As a result, they concluded, "By Rule, Eastern Range was No Go."

The incident might have escaped scrutiny if not for the efforts of Wally Toolan, a former range-safety officer at Cape Canaveral. Toolan wrote a letter to the Air Force Inspector General's Office on June 30, 2002, that accused Pettit of violating launch rules.

Three months later, the Air Force Inspector General's Office responded to Toolan after completing its investigation. The inquiry found that "available evidence did not indicate any wrongdoing or misconduct on the part of the wing commander" and that there was insufficient information to investigate further.

Toolan persisted with more letters. The Air Force refused to reopen the case, but in August 2003 it referred his complaint to the NASA Inspector General's Office. NASA reviewers found no evidence of criminal behavior, so they forwarded the information to the division that audits safety issues.

NASA investigators finally were assigned to the case in November 2004 — almost 2 and a half years after the launch. Their preliminary findings were very different from the Air Force's.

Several crucial issues were raised. The

biggest was whether the shuttle program should rely solely on the Air Force to determine whether the range is safe for launch. Investigators recommended that NASA independently verify the range's status.

KSC's safety office was unaware of the range problem during the countdown. NASA shuttle managers said they would not have proceeded without further discussion had they known the range's safety officers were "no go."

"If an SRB [solid rocket booster] goes flying into Titusville, no one is going to ask the Air Force how it happened," a NASA investigator said. "They're going to ask NASA."

Investigators presented their preliminary findings to Inspector General Cobb on Feb. 23, 2005, along with recommendations and details on areas that needed further scrutiny.

The Air Force had refused to turn over launch records requested by NASA. And investigators still wanted to interview former KSC chief Bridges, then the director at NASA's Langley Research Center, to ask about his conversation with Pettit.

Cobb, who came to NASA in April 2002 after a one-year stint as a White House ethics lawyer, deemed the issue an Air Force matter after hearing the presentation, investigators said. Two months later, the Air Force completed a study on the range's ability to safely support shuttle launches that concluded its policies and procedures were adequate.

"He [Cobb] just said, 'We'll let the Air Force handle it,'" a NASA investigator recalled. "But the Air Force wasn't going to address NASA's issues. They're going to address their own internal issues. They're certainly not going to say, 'Here's where NASA's processes are not working.'"

An internal e-mail obtained by the Sentinel suggests there will be a short final report or letter on the case next month. In the absence of a report, KSC safety officials were so alarmed by the incident, they already have added new safeguards.

Before Endeavour's 2002 launch, the shuttle program stationed a representative in the ROCC who had limited access to flight controllers' conversations over internal Air Force channels. For Discovery's launch last July, KSC's safety office sent someone to the ROCC to monitor communications. However, that person has no direct link to KSC's Launch Control Center during the countdown, a former investigator said.

"It still doesn't solve the entire problem," the investigator added. "There were offline communications. A decision was made that wasn't in accordance with the launch criteria. And the people in the room were bewildered as to why."

Constitutional challenge to special war courts reaches the Supreme Court

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"I don't want to make history," he added. "I just want to go home."

He'll sit out the arguments in his 7-by-8-foot cell, 1,300 miles away, at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

At issue is not whether the U.S. has the power to detain the 36-year-old father of two at the Navy base, where he'll have been held four years by the time the justices rule this summer.

The core of the challenge is in which American court, if any, Hamdan can face an American military charge of conspiracy as part of al Qaida's world-terrorism network.

Government lawyers say Congress gave President Bush the power to create a war court in its use-of-force resolution after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. They say Hamdan should challenge the new panel system only after he's tried at Guantanamo Bay, and only if he's convicted.

Hamdan's advocates argue that he deserves to face an already established U.S. court, not the first American war-crimes tribunal since World War II. They also argue that the U.S. breached international treaty obligations by denying Hamdan the possibility of

prisoner-of-war status under the Geneva Conventions.

"Not only do these military commissions betray our commitment to the rule of law, they damage our reputation abroad and undermine our ability to promote the global rule of law as an antidote to terrorism," Yale Law School Dean Harold Hongju Koh says in a brief for former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and 20 other former U.S. diplomats.

Hamdan's case not only tests the limits of presidential powers over the 10 Guantanamo captives facing trial by a tribunal of American military officers, called a military commission. Legal experts say his case also has implications for the nearly 500 "enemy combatants": whether and how they can turn to civilian courts to intervene on their behalf in Pentagon detention processes.

Said lawyer Scott Silliman, a retired Air Force colonel who now runs the Duke University Center on Law, Ethics and National Security: "Hamdan gives the court the opportunity to define this war on terrorism, to give us a more current view of the constitutional authority of the president in this new type of war and the tools available to him in fighting it."

Bush advocates argue that America is facing an enemy unri-

valed in its history, so it's crafted a court that shields classified information from public view to allow prosecutions in a war with no end in sight.

Air Force Col. Moe Davis, the chief prosecutor, noted the quandary of waiting until the war on terrorism ends to try captives: "Damned if you do, damned if you don't," he said.

In a sense, Hamdan started down his roundabout road to the Supreme Court on Nov. 13, 2001, when President Bush signed an order authorizing the defense secretary to detain foreigners indefinitely — and ordered him to prepare military commissions to try some of them.

Across the globe, when U.S. bombs blasted Afghanistan, Hamdan spirited his pregnant wife and 2-year-old daughter to safety in Pakistan.

Hamdan's attorney says Hamdan was returning a borrowed car when Afghan warlords captured him and handed him over to American forces, for a bounty that U.S. agents were offering for foreign Muslims, he believes.

By the time Washington inaugurated its offshore interrogation center with an 8,000-mile air bridge to Cuba in January 2002, Hamdan was already in American hands.

He was taken to Cuba four months later, manacled and masked in a 27-hour trip long after the Bush administration had declared captives there "unlawful combatants," not prisoners of war.

Hamdan told his attorney Swift that he wasn't a war criminal. He described himself as a privately paid \$200-a-month driver who worked at bin Laden's farm; his livelihood vanished when terrorists crashed those planes into the Pentagon and World Trade Center.

On Feb. 10, 2004, Swift told his client's story for the first time: The man who would challenge President Bush's war powers was an alleged foot soldier, not an al Qaida architect.

Rather than enter a guilty plea, Swift sued the United States by filing a habeas corpus petition in U.S. District Court in Washington.

Defense attorneys from all four military services — the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines — call the war court unconstitutional. They charge that the Bush administration crafted an unfair court rather than try Hamdan before civilian judges in the United States or at a U.S. military court-martial, which would offer him the same rights and protections as an American soldier.

"It's a separation of powers,

checks-and-balances issue," said Marine Col. Dwight Sullivan, the chief commission defense counsel and a former lawyer with the American Civil Liberties Union.

Sullivan cautioned that, whatever the high court decides, it's not being asked to rule in the larger debate over whether the United States should close its prison camp at Guantanamo.

The chief justice of the United States, John G. Roberts, is recusing himself because as an appeals court judge he was part of the panel that unanimously upheld Bush's war powers in the Hamdan case.

Republican Sens. John Kyl of Arizona and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina argue that Hamdan's case shouldn't be before the high court in the first place. They championed a measure that Congress passed late last year stripping Guantanamo captives of pretrial civilian review.

Now the court must decide how much of that law stands, too.

The Bush administration originally argued that, as enemy combatants held offshore, Guantanamo captives couldn't sue in civilian court. The Supreme Court rejected that notion in June 2004, opening the federal courts to review the case of any detainee who sues for his freedom.

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Shadow of Holocaust hangs over museums' fight for paintings

BY MARK STRYKER
Knight Ridder Tribune

On Dec. 14, 1938, a German-born Jew living in Paris named Martha Nathan sold two of her most valuable paintings, van Gogh's "The Diggers" and Paul Gauguin's "Street Scene in Tahiti," to three Jewish art dealers in Paris. Nathan received the equivalent of \$9,364 for the van Gogh and \$6,865 for the Gauguin.

Nearly 70 years later, the circumstances surrounding that sale—how and why Nathan sold her paintings and the price she received—are at the core of federal lawsuits brought by the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Toledo Museum of Art against 15 distant Nathan heirs living in Europe, Australia and America. The museums sued in January after failing to resolve a festering ownership dispute dating to May 2004. The museums want the court to affirm their legal title to the paintings.

The van Gogh has been in the Detroit Institute of Arts collection since 1970, and the Toledo museum bought the Gauguin in 1939. The heirs say that Nathan was forced to sell the paintings under Nazi duress and for less than a fair-market price. The museums argue that the sale was voluntary and that Nathan received a price consistent with other sales at the time.

At stake is whether the pictures will remain in the museums' collections or whether the museums must return the works to the heirs or pay restitution. The paintings are worth an estimated \$10 million to \$15 million a piece in today's art market, based on auction records.

Independent experts in Nazi-era art claims in Europe and America have told the Detroit Free Press that the documentary evidence in the Nathan case suggests that the museums hold the upper hand on the key legal issues. But the case, as with nearly everything touched by

the long shadow of the Holocaust, is also braised by moral ambiguities, slippery slopes and truths lost to the quicksand of history.

The restitution of Nazi-looted art is a hot-button issue. The numbers are elusive, but 600,000 works appear to have been seized by the Nazis with 10,000 to 100,000 still missing, according to one scholar's congressional testimony. Attention has increased in the last decade as museums and governments became more sensitized, sometimes reluctantly.

Museums added Holocaust-era information to their Web sites, and organizations created databases to help families find lost art. Ethical guidelines such as the Washington Conference Principles, which grew out of a 1998 summit, are now widely accepted.

There have been about 30 claims made on U.S. museums for Nazi-looted art in the last decade, a dozen of which resulted in the pieces being returned or in restitution, according to the American Association of Museums. Most cases are resolved through quiet compromise. Arbitration panels are becoming standard in Europe but haven't caught on in the United States.

Arbitration is less confrontational, less expensive and better able to bend to the moral complexities of these disputes, said Anne Webber of London, co chair for the Commission on Looted Art in Europe. Litigation is a last resort, she said.

The Nathan heirs say the lawsuit betrays ethical guidelines encouraging alternatives. "The heirs specifically said that they would accept a decision from an independent art commission or arbitrator, but they could not accept a decision made by the museums without an independent review," said heir Claude Ullin of Armadale, Australia, in a

statement issued in February.

The museums' lawyer concedes the lawsuit is aggressive but says ethics codes don't compel museums to submit to arbitration in the face of spurious claims. "The museums have spent 18 months compiling extensive provenance research, at their own expense, and have shared the findings fully with the heirs and their lawyers," said Thaddeus Stauber of law firm Sidley Austin in Los Angeles.

"When the other side simply chooses to ignore the documented evidence, the appropriate action is for us to defend our ownership in federal court."

Lawyers for the heirs, Philip J. Smith and David Rowland, both of New York, declined to comment. Smith, who is defending the lawsuits, said he won't speak publicly on the matter until he files a formal response; the deadline to respond is April 27.

Martha Nathan and her husband Hugo, a businessman, were part of the affluent and cultural elite in Frankfurt, one of Germany's the most progressive cities in the early 20th Century. Martha (Dreyfus) Nathan was born in Frankfurt in 1874 into a prominent European banking family. The couple's art collection—which included works by Picasso, Matisse, Renoir, Bonnard and Corinth—was notable enough to be featured in a German art magazine in 1916.

"They were involved with dealers in Paris and Berlin," said Laurie Stein, an art historian specializing in Nazi-era provenance research. "They loaned works to exhibitions. They were philanthropists. They lived a very privileged life."

When the Nathan heirs raised questions about the paintings, Stein was hired by the museums to research Nathan's life and the disputed works. The investigation gave birth to a dictionary-thick stack



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"The Diggers," by Vincent van Gogh, 1889, oil on paper lined onto canvas, is part of a collection at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Heirs of the donor say that she was forced to sell the painting under Nazi duress.

of documents, from government records to personal correspondence. Stein said such a detailed paper trail is unusual, but Nathan was meticulous and relentless in pursuing restitution.

Stein's research was shared with the Nathan heirs and counsel. The documents, which Detroit Institute of Arts officials allowed the Free Press to examine, establish a timeline.

At his death in 1922, Hugo Nathan willed the art to his wife with the provision that she could sell the works "to meet her essential needs." (The couple had no children.) In 1930, she moved the most valuable

paintings, including the van Gogh and Gauguin, to Basel, Switzerland, where her family had banking interests. Hitler was elected chancellor in 1933; in 1935, the Nuremberg Laws were enacted, stripping Jews of citizenship.

Nathan moved from Frankfurt to Paris in 1937, residing for 2 years in fine hotels and acquiring French citizenship. Nathan was forced to pay an enormous exit tax (reichsfluchtsteuer) of 87,431 reichsmarks (\$35,254). Many Jews were forced to liquidate assets, including art, for obscenely low prices to pay the tax. Nathan sold nothing and left the country with no debt.

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Republicans mull abortion challenge

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their own cone of silence, fearing that if they crusade openly against the South Dakota action and in favor of "Roe," they might appear to be endorsing abortions, an image that has hurt them with culturally conservative voters. But the main action is on the Republican side — because the Republicans are the party in power, and therefore have more to lose.

Even ardent foes of abortion acknowledge that the issue is dicey. In the words of Jeffrey Bell, a veteran Washington activist who has worked with religious conservatives, "This is a real curveball that people weren't expecting. I'd understand if strategists might not want their (GOP) clients to say, 'Yeah, South Dakota, bring it on!' They don't know whether the public has moved that far."

Jack Pitney, a former national Republican official and Capitol Hill staffer who closely tracks GOP politics, said the other day: "This [abortion law] is a delicate situation for the Republicans. It makes a lot of them nervous. It's one thing to just talk about banning abortion — and they do that all the time, because it's a great way to fire up the base and raise money. But it's another thing to actually ban abortion nationwide."

"Because that would raise all kinds of uncomfortable questions that could hurt the party politically — such as, if this is truly a crime, whom do you jail? Very few Republican candidates want to answer that question."

The political heat on Republicans has increased because the South Dakota ban is stricter than the formula adopted by most GOP leaders. Under that state law, a dying woman would be permitted an abortion; but most GOP politicians say abortions are also OK for a rape victim or an incest victim.

Alan Abramowitz, a nonpartisan analyst at Emory University in Georgia who closely tracks abortion politics, said: "The danger for Republicans is that the South Dakota story could shift the abortion debate to the question, 'Should virtually all abortions be illegal?' That's not a winning issue, because polls show that a majority of Americans still support legal abortions during the first trimester."

He is correct on that. And a new poll,

released last Wednesday by the nonpartisan Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, confirms that the debate over the South Dakota law could split the GOP and rattle the politicians' nerves. When Republican voters were asked whether they would like to see South Dakota's law become the national template, 51 percent said yes and 43 percent said no. As for the swing-voting independents, 28 percent said yes and 63 percent said no. Even 56 percent of all Southern voters said no.

But a majority of conservatives, notably white evangelicals, said yes. And any Republican who wants the 2008 nomination needs to woo them. Bell explained: "The first state on the schedule is Iowa, where conservatives dominate the caucuses. For them, supporting (a total abortion ban) is not even a close call. Anyone who wants to win there has to rally those folks. Same thing in South Carolina (the third primary). You can't hedge there, either."

But they're hedging anyway. Sen. George Allen of Virginia, an aspirant for the class of '08, performed rhetorical zigzags earlier this month on "Meet the Press." When asked several times if he would like to see a nationwide abortion ban, he said several times that he respected states' rights, as exercised by South Dakota. When asked if he favored overturning Roe, he started talking about how kids need to tell their parents before seeking an abortion. Then he segued back to states' rights.

Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney has said he would have signed the law as an expression of states' rights; Arizona Sen. John McCain says he would have signed, as long as the law exempted rape and incest victims (which it doesn't). But none of them has endorsed Gov. Rounds' talk of a "frontal assault" on "Roe" — not even Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback, a possible '08 candidate and antiabortion purist, is hoisting that banner.

Many conservatives with pragmatic instincts are well aware of the risks. They sense that a legal campaign on behalf of the South Dakota law would fail — the high court is still at least one vote away from toppling "Roe" — and trigger a backlash among the millions of pro-"Roe" Americans who generally exhibit far less intensity about the issue than their anti-abortion counterparts.

Lemon sharks prove fertile for studies

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a combination of the currents, water temperature and its salinity?

This year, getting closer to those answers proved more difficult. Not nearly as many sharks showed up.

The number of sharks fluctuates from year to year, Gruber said, and he's confident that more sharks will return. "You have good years and you have bad years," he said.

Next winter, he hopes to start testing his theory. He plans on collecting water samples around some of the female sharks and testing the water chemistry or possibly extracting urine samples from the females.

Juvenile lemon sharks are relatively easy to study. They congregate in nurseries in bays or lagoons. They prefer the safety and plentiful food supplies at mangroves and in warm shallow waters, such as those at the Bimini Biological Field Station, about 50 miles east of Miami, which Gruber owns and runs.

But once the sharks reach about three years old, they vanish.

"We really don't know anything about the adult phase," said Tristan Guttridge, one of Gruber's principal investigators. Guttridge, 23, of Leeds, England, is planning on writing his doctoral dissertation on the shark gathering.

Because so many gather in such a small place, the sharks are particularly vulnerable. The aggregation of lemon sharks near the inlet could prove attractive to commercial and recreational fishermen as well as divers. Gruber and others worry this unique occurrence could be exploited.

"This is a natural phenomenon," Guttridge said. "It's something we should be taking care of, preserving rather than destroying."

In some years, the aggregation consists of as many as 50 female sharks that produce 600 to 700 babies per reproductive cycle. If the site gets heavily fished, it could decimate the lemon shark population all along Florida's

coast.

"They are all jammed into this one spot," Gruber said. "It makes them vulnerable as hell."

Out at sea on recent morning, Gruber wore a baseball cap, jeans and orange windbreaker. When the sun was out, a bandana covered his face and neck to protect against skin cancer. Swells rocked the 31-foot boat Friendship as Gruber sat in the back cutting up balihoo and tossing them into the water. He hoped to outfit at least one shark with a transmitter so he could track its whereabouts. But the sharks weren't biting.

To catch the sharks, freelance photographer Walt Stearns dives off the boat and spears a couple of barracuda, which are promptly cut up and used for bait or chum.

Stearns first alerted Gruber about the gathering after he witnessed it while diving one day in 2001. Later, he said he called Gruber at his home in Miami to tell him about what he witnessed. Gruber didn't believe it.

"He thought I was on drugs," Stearns said.

Then Stearns e-mailed him pictures.

Although Gruber, a professor at the University of Miami, has been coming to the site for four years, his research is just getting under way. Gruber has only received one \$5,000 grant to study the sharks. This past winter he depended on individual generosity to conduct his research. After being approached by a mutual friend, Friendship Capt. Dominic D'Angelo, agreed to take Gruber, along with two of his researchers and Stearns, out on the water for free for a couple of days.

Gruber will retire from the university next summer, he said. And he is now in talks to transfer ownership of the Bimini Biological Field Station. After those two things take place, he hopes to focus all his efforts on the adult lemon sharks gathering near Jupiter.

"We haven't really started yet," he said.



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Yanukovich declares victory in unlikely comeback

BY ALEX RODRIGUEZ
Knight Ridder Tribune

Loathed by many Ukrainians during the Orange Revolution that reversed his rigged presidential victory in 2004, Viktor Yanukovich appeared to engineer the unlikely of political comebacks Sunday, as voters disillusioned with Ukraine's pro-West leadership elected a new parliament.

Exit polls released late Sunday had Yanukovich's Party of Regions garnering the largest share of votes in a contest regarded as crucial to Ukraine's future. Recent constitutional changes transfer from the president to parliament the power to select a prime minister and much of the Cabinet.

Preliminary results were not expected to be released until Monday, but three independent exit polls gave Yanukovich's party between 27 and 33 percent of the vote, compared to 21 to 23 percent for Orange Revolution heroine Yulia Tymoshenko's bloc and 13 to 17 percent for President Viktor Yushchenko's Our Ukraine party.

Yanukovich declared victory Sunday night. "Our victory will open a new page in the history of Ukraine," the former prime minister said. "We are ready to work together with any political party."

Yanukovich is staunchly pro-Kremlin, and his re-emergence as a potent force in Ukrainian politics could shift the country's foreign policy back toward Moscow



Viktor Yanukovich, pictured here on December 24, 2004, declared victory in the Ukrainian election last night.

and away from the pro-West course that Yushchenko has set.

Just how much renewed clout Yanukovich wields in Kiev will largely depend on alliances and coalitions reached in the next few days, since no party was expected to gain an outright

majority in Sunday's election. Though Yushchenko and Tymoshenko are barely on speaking terms, each of their parties has flatly rejected the idea of a coalition with Yanukovich.

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Afghan convert to be released for mental testing

BY KIM BARKER
Knight Ridder Tribune

The Afghan man who had faced the death penalty for abandoning Islam for Christianity will be released for mental evaluation soon, possibly Monday, potentially defusing a case that sparked international outrage and caused many to question which way the country was heading.

A Kabul court tossed out the case Sunday, sending it back to the prosecutor's office for more investigation, Judge Ansarullah Mawlawizada said.

Doctors will evaluate whether Abdul Rahman is mentally ill. The court also wants to know whether Rahman, 42, holds a passport for another country.

While Rahman could be granted asylum in a Western country, officials fear that would open the door to other Afghans' converting because it would be a guaranteed way out of the country. If Rahman has another passport, that would skirt the asylum issue.

Rahman has spent more than a month in jail since showing up at a police station and announcing he had converted to

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Mexico looks to assure Americans with new immigration campaign

BY HUGH DELLIOS
Knight Ridder Tribune

As the U.S. Senate focuses this week on the issue of illegal immigration, Mexico has launched a campaign to convince Americans that it will do more to stop the flow of undocumented workers into the United States and prevent violence along the border.

U.S. officials have praised the Mexican overtures, which include the adoption and publishing of a new immigration policy that calls for creation of economic and housing programs that would lure Mexican workers back home and an accord to better cooperate with U.S. officials on quickly responding to border crime.

While skeptics note that some of the promises clash with Mexico's long-held positions and actions, U.S. and Mexican officials say the moves reflect a rare public commitment by Mexican authorities to accept responsibility for the root causes of illegal immigration and take steps to prevent it.

"What we have accepted nationally is that we have responsibilities," said Silvia Hernandez, a Mexican senator and the principal author of the new written immigration policy. "Do we have homework to do? Yes. Do we have to revise our laws? Yes."

The Mexican government is working toward the same goal as the Bush administration: a guest-worker program that would regulate the undocumented

immigrants already in the United States and the half-million Mexicans who cross the border illegally each year. The Senate Judiciary Committee is scheduled to vote Monday whether to approve such a bill and send it to the full Senate.

Many congressional Republicans instead favor legislation approved in the House in December that focuses only on tougher border enforcement. That legislation would extend border fences, speed deportations, make illegal immigration a felony and crack down on those who employ illegal immigrants and assist them.

The immigration topic will be front and center when President Bush and President Vicente Fox meet in a three-way summit Thursday and Friday in

Cancun, Mexico, with Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Fox has made easier immigration for Mexican workers one of his primary goals before leaving office this year, and the two presidents are likely to try to show a united front in support of the guest-worker idea.

But Bush administration officials say they have made it clear that Mexico needs to show it is doing more to address the border and immigration problems.

"We've talked a lot about that," said a senior Bush administration official. "What the American people will be listening for... is measures to enhance protection of the border. We are looking for

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Security walls impose a new daily challenge

BY MIKE KELLY
Knight Ridder Tribune

The doctor in the trim business suit and white shirt was walking, but not on house call. Dr. Salem Imng was just engaging in a new West Bank lifestyle — passing through a security wall.

As Israel tries to protect itself from terrorist attacks with a variety of security barriers — which are credited with reducing the number of suicide bombings — many Palestinians find themselves adjusting to a new way of getting from one place to another.

Actually, many resort to mankind's oldest means of transportation: They walk.

"For me, it's easy," Imng said as he stepped through a 3-foot-wide gate in the wall. "But for my patients, I don't think it's so good."

To watch the comings and goings at these openings in the security barriers is to see a delicate ballet, with occasional moments of human kindness or comic relief.

There are old men wearing Arab headdresses and young Muslim women talking on cell

phones. There are young men carrying computers and young mothers with children. People carry furniture, groceries, books.

Earlier at the Kalandia Checkpoint north of Jerusalem, a mother pushed a baby carriage through an opening in another 28-foot-high section of the wall as construction crews in dump trucks and earthmovers rolled past them.

In short, most every kind of person is there, with most anything. The wall is the great leveler.

But it forces people to help, too. Earlier at the Kalandia

Checkpoint north of Jerusalem, a mother pushed a baby carriage through an opening in another 28-foot-high section of the wall as construction crews in dump trucks and earthmovers rolled past them.

Just beyond the opening, she discovered she had to push the stroller over new gravel. A Palestinian taxi driver approached — and helped her pick up the stroller and carry it over the gravel. Nearby, a Palestinian man gave cups of sweet tea to machine-gun toting Israeli border guards sweating in the hot sun.

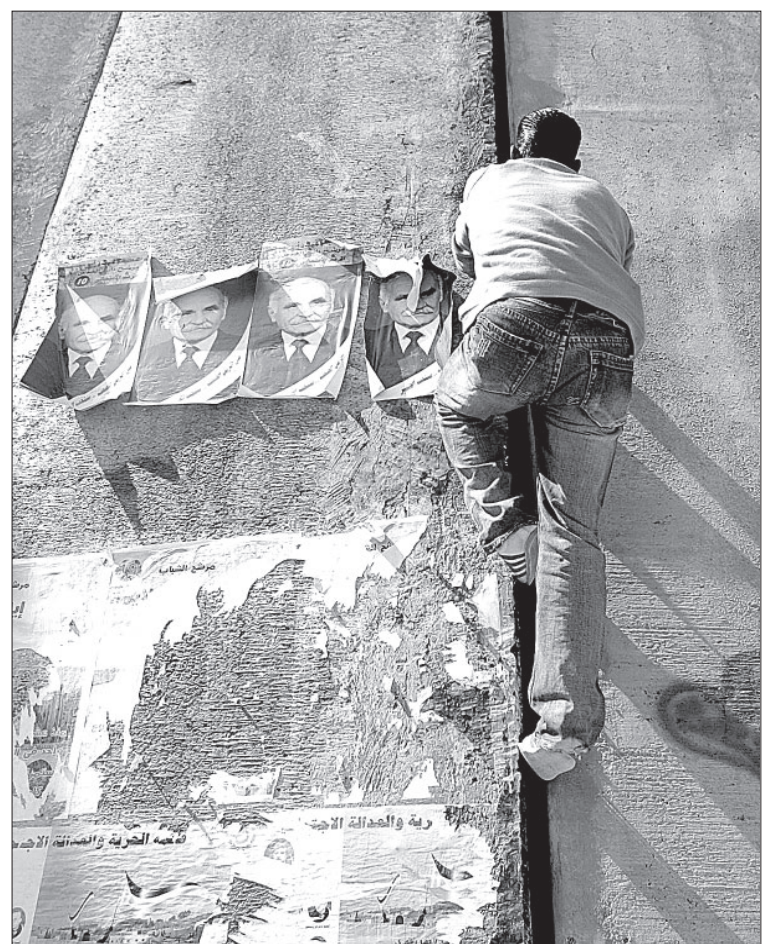
Back at Abu Dis near the Mount of Olives, Mohamad Zaoror, a taxi driver, demonstrated to a crowd that no wall would ever stop him.

Exchanging his shoes for sneakers, Zaoror, 34, climbed up and down the 28-foot barrier by placing his feet in cracks between pieces of the wall.

"This wall doesn't mean anything," Zaoror proclaimed afterward.

Imng, the walking pediatrician, smiled.

"We have to hope for peace," he said. "Only peace can stop this."



JAMES W. ANNES

A Palestinian nimbly climbs the back side of the security wall separating the West Bank town of Abu Dis and East Jerusalem in Israel on Wednesday, March 22, 2006.

Immigrant-based rightist party gaining ground in Israel

By JOEL GREENBERG
Knight Ridder Tribune

Avigdor Lieberman arrived late, striding into the hotel auditorium to a standing ovation.

He explained to the audience that he had been delayed by a series of interviews to foreign television stations but now, "at last, I can speak in Russian."

Lieberman, leader of Israel's Our Home, a rightist party representing Russian-speaking immigrants, was on home turf, speaking to a crowd of newcomers from the former Soviet Union among whom he is riding a wave of popularity in the run-up to Tuesday's Israeli election.

Recent polls show Lieberman's party rising fast, with the latest projections showing it could win as many as 15 seats in the 120-member parliament, becoming a key player in talks on a future governing coalition.

Although the party's appeal goes beyond the immigrant community, its campaign is largely directed at the emigres, a key voting bloc.

Of the 1.3 million Russian-speaking immigrants who have come to Israel since the 1970s, an estimated 740,000 are eligible voters, about 15 percent of the Israeli electorate. Pollsters estimate their votes would be equivalent to as many as 20 seats in parliament.

In recent elections the winner has always received the majority of the so-called Russian vote, so Israeli parties have been targeting the immigrant audience with Russian-language campaign ads, billboards and literature.

Yet none of the major candidates has captured the strong

support won in the last election by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, whose military background and tough image appealed to the traditionally right-leaning immigrant voters.

With Sharon in a coma after suffering a stroke in January, Russian-speaking voters have been looking for an alternative leader, and many have found one in Lieberman.

He is a 47-year-old native of Moldova who came to Israel 18 years ago and served in the Israeli army. Lieberman was a member of the rightist Likud party, serving as the chief of staff during the term of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. He later formed his party, serving as transportation minister under Sharon.

Eliezer Feldman, a pollster who is himself a Russian immigrant, said his surveys indicate that a third of the Russian-speaking voters will vote for Lieberman's party, another third will not vote at all and the rest will be evenly split between the centrist Kadima party, founded by Sharon and led by acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, and Likud, led by Netanyahu.

"Sharon cultivated a situation in which people supported the leader, regardless of his program, and his message was, 'Trust me.' Lieberman has adopted that style," Feldman said. "The immigrant community is looking for a leader that it can trust to solve its problems, and he is running a strong personal campaign."

Playing to emigres' concerns about security, Lieberman's program combines calls for a crackdown on violent criminals and proposals to effectively disenfranchise Israel's Arab citizens.

Yanukovych seizes second chance to lead

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Instead, leaders from Tymoshenko and Yushchenko's parties have been quietly negotiating a new alliance that could give them enough votes to counterbalance Yanukovych's forces in parliament.

Casting his vote at a polling station across from the plaza that launched the Orange Revolution, Yushchenko said resurrecting the fractured orange team was a top priority: "The most important thing is the maximum engagement of democratic forces in forming a coalition."

In the 14 months since Yushchenko's inauguration, Ukrainians have become increasingly disappointed with his administration's performance. The country's GDP growth has slowed from 12 percent in 2004 to just 2 percent last year. Prices for staples such as meat and sugar have risen sharply.

Many Ukrainian businesses also fear the fallout from Yushchenko's battles this winter with Russia over natural-gas prices. The deal reached between the two countries' state-owned gas enterprises calls for the price of gas coming to Ukraine to double, to \$95 per 1,000 cubic meters.

Though Yushchenko has cushioned the price increase's impact on household users, Ukraine's natural gas-reliant metals and chemical industries — as well as companies that buy supplies from those industries — are expected to be hit hard by the price increase. Under the deal, prices could rise even more after six months.

Voters opting for Yanukovych's party Sunday cited his performance as prime minister under former President Leonid

Kuchma, when Ukraine's economy was on an upswing.

Yanukovych seized the second chance handed to him, relying on the deep pockets of steel and coal tycoon Rinat Akhmetov to engineer a slick, no-holds-barred campaign that promised the economic prosperity the Orange Revolution couldn't deliver.

"Yushchenko has led us into an economic crisis," said Mikhail Melnyk, a 72-year-old retired coal miner and Yanukovych supporter, after voting at school in southwest Kiev. "A year ago potatoes cost four times less than they cost now. When Yanukovych was prime minister, economic growth was 12 percent. When the orange team came into power, it dropped sharply. They're not professionals, they're just politicians."

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barred campaign that promised the economic prosperity the Orange Revolution couldn't deliver. Appearing Friday in Kiev's Podil neighborhood on a lavish soundstage better suited for a stadium rock concert, Yanukovych belittled the Orange Revolution as little more than "singing and dancing."

"Everything they said was just words," Yanukovych said. "They captured the power, but all they created was crisis. And people had to endure this crisis."

However, for many Ukrainians, Yanukovych remains synonymous with the rampant corruption and oligarchic power that Orange Revolution leaders fought against as they massed thousands into Independence Square in the fall and winter of 2004 to protest Yanukovych's fraudulent presidential win.

Yushchenko and Tymoshenko teamed up to lead those rallies, which eventually led to the Ukrainian Supreme Court's reversal of Yanukovych's victory. Yushchenko won the election rerun and was inaugurated in January 2005.

Since then, Yushchenko's dream team has fallen apart. He named Tymoshenko prime minister and then fired her in September as a widening corruption scandal forced the resignations of other top Yushchenko aides. Tymoshenko formed her own opposition movement with the aim of regaining the post of prime minister.

In an interview with foreign journalists last week, Tymoshenko said Yushchenko erred by allowing too many bureaucrats from Kuchma's regime to secure influential positions in his administration. As a result, Yushchenko's credibility with Ukrainians suffered.

Afghan Christian convert to be released

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Christianity.

"He will probably be sent to the hospital (Monday)," Mohammed Eshak Aloko, Afghanistan's deputy attorney general, said Sunday evening. "He is not considered a prisoner anymore. He is a sick person."

Afghan authorities hope to avoid a political firestorm by declaring Rahman mentally ill.

Since Rahman's first hearing March 16, the case has drawn widespread condemnation of Afghanistan, where an international coalition still props up the fledgling central government that was set up after the Taliban were driven out in late 2001.

Rahman reportedly converted to Christianity while working for a Christian aid group in Pakistan 16 years ago. He spent several years abroad, mostly in Europe, before returning to Afghanistan three years ago.

Several countries have hinted they would pull their troops from Afghanistan if Rahman were killed. President Bush, other world leaders, Christian groups and the Pope have called on Afghanistan's government to release him.

But many Afghans have said Rahman should be killed. The fundamentalist Taliban may be gone, but much of the country remains conservative. Although the constitution protects human rights and freedom of religion, it also says Islamic law is the law of the land.

Many conservative clerics believe the Koran and Islamic law mandate the death penalty for any Muslim who rejects Islam and does not repent.

The case has caused a crisis for President Hamid Karzai, who has not commented publicly on the issue but reportedly has been working behind the scenes to free Rahman.

For his evaluation, Rahman may be sent to a mental hospital in Kabul, although treatment for mental disorders is far from ideal in Afghanistan. He may be sent to a hospital run by international

troops. Or he could be sent to a mental hospital outside Afghanistan -- if he can afford it, said Sarinwal Zamari Ameri, attorney general of Kabul province.

"We will refer him to authorized doctors," Ameri said. "They will find out if he is normal or not."

Mawlawizada said three judges had spent "day and night" evaluating the case. He said judges were persuaded by evidence, including that Rahman's daughter and cousin said he was mentally ill and that in his first court appearance, Rahman said he was hearing voices from above.

"The judges in this case studied it very carefully," Mawlawizada said. "We felt no kind of pressure from the outside in this case."

In reality, the pressure was severe on the country, from the world and Afghans.

The unfolding solution could spare the country from the kind of protests and riots that racked Afghanistan twice in the past year — over cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad and over a Newsweek article, later retracted, saying a Koran was stuffed down a toilet at the U.S. detention center in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Late Sunday, a cleric who had said Rahman deserved to die if he did not repent praised the court system for being careful.

"Maybe this man is mentally ill," Maulavi Enayatullah Baligh said. "For this reason, I think it's good they are investigating further."

Once doctors decide whether Rahman is mentally fit to stand trial, prosecutors will decide whether to refile charges against him. If he is sick, he will be treated, officials said. After he is treated, prosecutors will ask Rahman again whether he is Christian.

"If he has the same answer, we'll see what happens," said Aloko, the deputy attorney general.

If he is recharged, Rahman would face the death penalty; if not he could be sent to live in a mental hospital.

If freed, he would risk being killed by ordinary Afghans.

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Mexico looks to reassure Americans

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some concrete steps... that our partners in the hemisphere take the situation seriously."

One step was announced this month, when U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and Mexican Interior Minister Carlos Abascal met in Texas to announce a plan to jointly respond to border crime. The plan calls for immediate communication and response, "bilateral coordination of investigations" and "appropriate patrolling of the border region."

Chertoff praised Mexico for its increased cooperation in recent years in law-enforcement matters.

Tony Garza, the U.S. ambassador to Mexico, said the new accord "will enable us to focus on the criminals we really need to worry about, while ensuring that the flow of legitimate tourism and commerce between our two countries can continue to grow."

Garza's praise for Mexico's efforts contrasts with his criticism of the government several months ago, when he questioned its commitment to battling border violence. Authorities continue to be concerned about a murderous turf war between drug gangs in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, as well as incidents such as a January incursion into the U.S. by drug traffickers dressed in uniforms that some claimed belong to the Mexican army.

The Bush administration also has pressured Mexico to control the flow of undocumented Central American immigrants, tens of thousands of whom pass through Mexico on their way to the U.S. border.

The new Mexican immigration document was written by Fox government officials, legislators and immigration experts, and approved as a resolution by Congress in February. A U.S. public relations firm hired by the Fox government published a version last week in several American newspapers.

The document says Mexico "should be responsible for guaranteeing that

each person who decides to leave does so following legal channels" and that "it is necessary to create economic and social development that, among other positive effects, will encourage people to stay in Mexico." It also said that the success of a temporary-worker program depends on "development of incentives that encourage migrants to return to our country."

It proposes tax breaks for building houses back home in Mexico, "a bilateral medical insurance system to cover migrants and their relatives" and a program allowing Mexican workers in the U.S. to receive their pension benefits in Mexico.

The document was praised as groundbreaking by U.S. legislators who met with their Mexican counterparts in Mexico earlier this month.

"The document represents the first public acknowledgement that Mexico must accept responsibility for solving the immigration problem," Sen. John Cornyn, R.-Texas, and Rep. Jim Kolbe, R.-Ariz., wrote to their colleagues in Congress. "These principles and the accompanying recommendations represent a sharp departure from past practices in Mexico."

If and how Mexico translates the promises into deeds is uncertain, as is whether the Senate will pay heed. The document says Mexico "does not promote undocumented migration," but Fox regularly praises the immigrants as "heroes," and the country relies on money sent home by the immigrants, now estimated at \$20 billion a year. Last year the Mexican government also created a stir in the U.S. by publishing a comic book advising illegals on how to behave once on U.S. soil.

"Countries shouldn't be proud that their people migrate. They have to do things to create work," said Hernandez, the senator. "But there's another reason: The economy of the U.S. is the most powerful economy in the world. And even if (our economy) grew at 8 percent a year, the Americans would still need our workforce."



Florentino Rodriguez, 75, eats lunch at the only restaurant open on Mar. 18, 2006, in tiny Joaquin Amaro in the rural Mexican state of Zacatecas. He worked in the United States, both legally and illegally, from 1951-1994. Nine of his 10 living children are in the United States.

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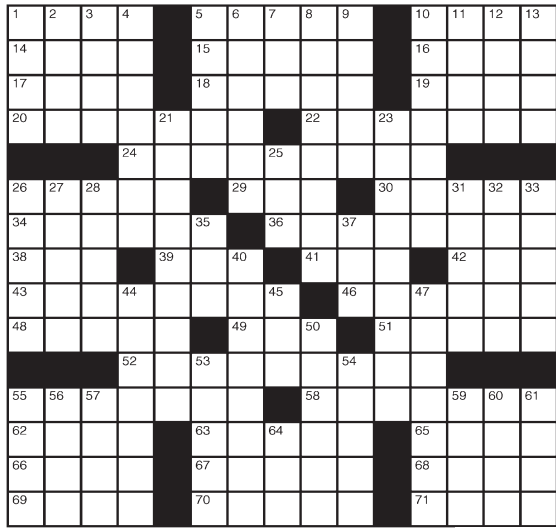
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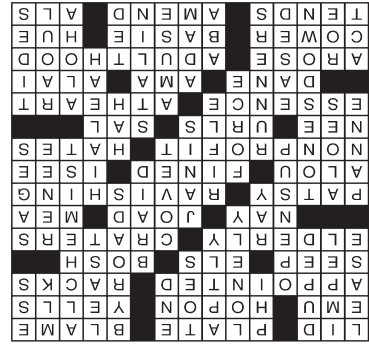
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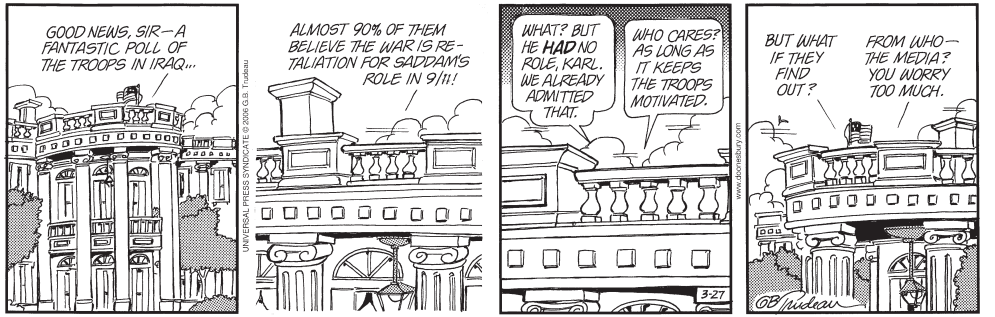
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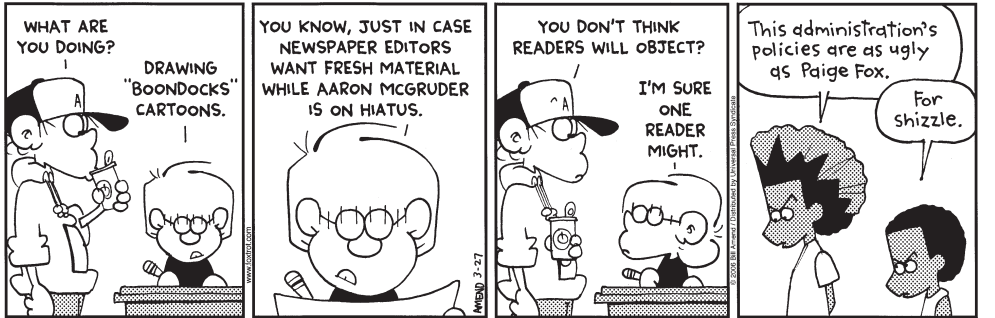
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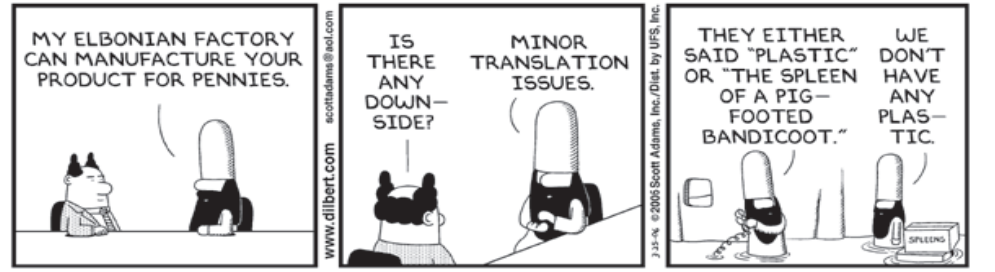
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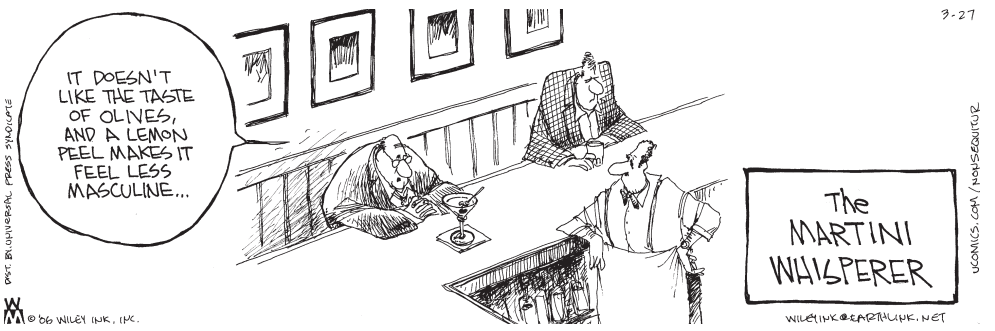
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LATE NIGHT AT THE DAILY

The mascot for the Simon Frasier softball team is "The Clan?"
 — David Pomerantz

HOROSCOPES

For the week of Mar. 27 to Apr. 3, 2006

- Aries (March 21-April 20)** Early this week, a close friend may reveal an important deadline or offer a rare social ultimatum. Planned celebrations, commitment to public events or financial participation may be a key source of tension. After Wednesday, a clear description of family obligations will help calm discussions. Remain cautious, however, and watch for meaningful change.
- Taurus (April 21-May 20)** Home rules, social agreements and daily duties now need to be improved. Over the next few days, close friends or relatives may not provide sufficient assistance or support. Group negotiations and a candid discussion of time schedules will be helpful: make sure loved ones appreciated your restrictions, emotional boundaries and short-term expectations.
- Gemini (May 21-June 21)** Over the next 11 days, public events may be scattered or easily disrupted. Take none of it personally: at present, both loved ones and close friends are unlikely to understanding the full implications of their comments or actions. Before next week, expect late cancellations and minor power struggles. Friday through Sunday highlight private discussions with younger friends or siblings.
- Cancer (June 22-July 22)** Before mid-week, a long-term friend may require private and controversial advice. Areas of concern are addictive behaviors, emotional triangles and unproductive relationships. Listen and react with honesty: detailed observations and a sincere discussion of recent events may prove extremely useful. Later this week, a financial error may derail an important property contract or lease.
- Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** Complex workplace alliances and new team assignments will this week offer a rare view of private opinions. Someone close may no longer trust the judgment of experienced colleagues or managers. Probe for unique facts or hidden social information: yesterday's business history may soon prove unexpectedly revealing. After Thursday, a powerful romantic overture may trigger social resentment.
- Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** A past acquaintance may soon ask for renewed trust or a second chance. Yesterday's disappointments may have been more deeply felt than anticipated: after Tuesday, watch for old friends to offer lingering memories or surprising descriptions of past events. Go slow and wait for clear signs of progress. Thursday through Saturday, a job or financial decision may need to be briefly abandoned. Refuse to be derailed: powerful business and money luck will soon arrive.
- Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Family gatherings will require special planning over the next 11 days. Cancellations, revised schedules or minor disagreements may be problematic. Don't be dissuaded: at present, loved ones may need extra time to realize the importance of home commitments and long-term relationships. Remain patient and watch for steady improvement.
- Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Romantic and social intrigue are now on the rise. Before Thursday, expect new friends or work mates to inspire unexpected romantic triangles. Private flirtations will be quickly noticed or exposed: avoid bold affections, excessive humor or public disclosures of delicate information. Caution will eventually prove invaluable.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Love affairs and subtle flirtations may this week demand public acknowledgement. Over the next few days, a recently shy or withdrawn friends may actively seek group approval or acceptance. Withheld passions will now tend to emerge: remain sensitive and take extra time to clarify expectations, emotional goals or social boundaries.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)** Workplace negotiations may be easily derailed over the next six days. After Tuesday, older colleagues will not accept revised team information, new assignments or creative business methods. Allow authority figures to handled all disagreements or cancelled projects: by early next week, reliable goals and group harmony will again be established.
- Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)** Career and financial decisions are best avoided over the next few days. Although financial luck is high, loved ones may miscalculate long-term needs or payment schedules. Thoroughly research and finalize all documents before accepting new risk. A cautious approach to legal paperwork will ensure the desired results. Friday through Sunday, a previously silent friend or relative may request delicate family advice.
- Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20)** Before mid-week, romantic partners or older relatives may be temperamental or distrustful of group invitations. After Monday, expect complex social triangles to be publicly debated or to briefly derail special events. Emotional outbursts are intense but short-lived: remain optimistic but watch for minor indications of lingering doubt. Wise planning is needed. Thursday through Sunday, loved ones may need to openly discuss job ethics or financial strain. Don't disappoint.

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March Madness beats all other sporting events

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But regardless they had editors to cut through the crap in the morning before it was published. The drunk texter doesn't and for that reason it's never a good idea.

My third lesson came from observing the southerners that also flocked to South Padre for the week. In the end I found that they are slightly bigger, slightly slower, hairless versions of their northeastern cousins. Give it another millennium and we could have a brand new species. Any group that will most likely pack the theaters for a movie as jaw-droppingly awful as "Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector" is already on its way.

Finally, seeing as this is a "sports column" I will end with a lesson in the realm of athletics. Actually it is more of a reaffirmation than any new discovery. And that is that the NCAA basketball tournament is the greatest sporting event in the world. Other college sports, such as baseball, and professional sports, such as soccer and hockey, don't have the fan base to compete. College football, although wildly popular, crumbles under its reliance on bowl money instead of the enactment of a playoff system.

Events such as the Olympics can be eliminated because, unlike the "Great Games," this three-week slice of heaven comes every year. And while the World Cup deserves special consideration because of its excitement

and global fan base, the sport will never catch on to the same level of popularity for the simple reason that we didn't invent it. It's sad but true.

While the Super Bowl may be the bigger spectacle, it is nowhere near as consistent as the tournament in delivering great competition. This current year's versions provide a clear example. From Jordan Farmar's steal, to Rashard Anderson's three, to Kenton Paulino's buzzer-beater and Ryan Sheridan's goal-tended basket, this past week has been one for the ages. There have been both superhuman efforts on the offensive end (Randy Foye putting Villanova on his back with 29 of the team's 60 points) and defensive end (Temple's absolute lockdown of J.J. Redick). Compare that to the abysmal performance of the Seahawks and Steelers in a game that was overshadowed by its own commercials.

Critics of the tournament say that in the one-and-done setup of the tournament, a team's body of work during the season can be destroyed because the playing field is so level. Teams like Kansas, which had a great season capped off by a Big 12 tournament championship, are unfairly booted by a team that plays the best game of its season.

My response is that, first of all, that's probably the most exciting aspect of the tournament. Secondly, I find it harder to argue that in a five- or three-game series, Kansas would clearly win out. As

George Mason has proved in this tournament, the lower seeds are doing more than getting lucky.

Then there's the emotional factor of the tournament for both the player and the fan. After their respective losses, both Redick and Adam Morrison, future millionaires with bright futures, broke down and sobbed like ten-year-old children who had just been given the news by dad that Lassie had to go to dog heaven. Maybe it can be attributed to the innocence of youth or the bond between a player and his school that is without any monetary incentive, but you just don't see that in the professional game. I guess they have more pressing matters, like somehow scratching out enough money on a daily basis to feed their families.

Finally, the tournament's greatness is fueled by the fans and the bonds created between them and their alma mater's sporting teams. It's why my father still wears the shredded remnants of a shirt with a headline from the Hartford Courant that reads, "It's Late, It's Tate, It's Great," on the day after Tate George's buzzer beater advanced UConn to the Elite Eight. Believe me — Hulk Hogan has shirts that are less ripped. In the end, these three weeks in March are like an adrenaline shot straight to the heart that leaves most heartbroken, a few euphoric, and everyone always wanting more. Oh yeah, and you can't beat the gambling either.

Harrigan's saves spark team as it readies for NESCAC play

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play." "I think it just showed us [that] if we're not willing to work hard throughout the entire game then there are teams out there that will just take it to us," junior attackman Mark Warner added.

On Mar. 20, the Jumbo's defeated non-conference Endicott College. With the game tied in the fourth quarter, the Jumbo's turned up their offense and scored three late goals to record the victory.

The scoring was evenly distributed throughout the Jumbo offense, as Hughes scored two goals and Warner, sophomore Conner Ginsberg, Doucette, junior midfielder Brett Holm, and sophomore midfielder Perry Choren all contributed one apiece.

The Jumbos recorded a resounding 14-2 victory over non-conference Eastern Connecticut State University on Mar. 17, out-shooting their opponents 52-19. Warner, junior Matt Lanuto, and senior Casey D'Annolfo each tallied two goals, and Doucette and Warner led in assists with two apiece.

The success story of the young season is the team's freshman goalie, Matt Harrigan. With his perfor-

mances in the team's opening victories against Skidmore, Eastern Connecticut, and Endicott, Harrigan was named Div. III Player of the Week by Inside Lacrosse. Harrigan held solid in the Jumbos' overtime win over Skidmore, recording 17 saves in his collegiate debut. As of Mar. 20, Harrigan's .780 save percentage was the best in the NESCAC, far ahead of second-place Bates senior Paul Kazarian's .644.

"Harrigan is a great player and the best thing about him is [that] he's able to single-handedly give the defense and offense a spark," Bezdek said. "He's made saves goalies aren't supposed to make. That alone, his ability to make that spectacular play with ease, has provided a boost on the field. It's more than just saving a goal."

These non-conference games should prepare Tufts for its tough NESCAC schedule, which begins with a game against Amherst on Wednesday.

"It was nice to get a win against St. Mary's to head in on a positive note" Warner said. "We know that all NESCAC teams are really strong, and we're not going to underestimate the teams. We're looking forward to play in such a highly competitive league this season."

Protano, Johanson lead bullpen

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Jumbos against North Carolina Wesleyan on Thursday, pitching a complete game, scattering eight hits and allowing just one earned run.

In the seventh inning of that game, senior tri-captain Greg Chertok and junior left-fielder Kyle Backstrom ignited a three-run rally and the Jumbos pulled away with a 3-2 win, the team's fourth straight victory.

The previous three wins for the Jumbos included a 3-1 win over Methodist Wednesday and a pair of wins on Monday afternoon: a 6-4 win over Guilford and a 15-2 drubbing of Maryville.

Simon and Johanson joined forces and allowed just one run to the Monarchs on Wednesday afternoon. Johanson was flawless, as he entered the game in the sixth and went on to retire all ten batters he faced. Backstrom was 2-for-4 with an RBI for the Jumbos at the plate, while junior center fielder Chris Decembrele was 2-for-3.

McDavitt emerged as the hero in Monday's victory over Guilford, as his single with one out in the ninth scored Brian Casey and broke a 4-4 tie. Telian pitched seven and two-thirds innings and allowed four runs, while Protano worked the end of the eighth and the

ninth inning to emerge with the win.

The Jumbos suffered a pair of losses in Virginia over the opening weekend, as Lynchburg topped Tufts 10-2 and Randolph-Macon emerged with a 6-4 victory. The Jumbos' lineup was held to a .258 batting average in the two weekend contests, and both Simon and Rice had rocky outings on the mound.

The turning point in the week came in the Maryville game, where the Jumbos recovered from their opening-weekend losses and earned their first victory of the season — a 15-2 blowout of the Scots.

"That was a good sort of breakout game, especially for our hitters," said Smotherman, who earned the win, his first of two on the week.

The Jumbos stood at 7-4 following Saturday's games, but are still not at full strength, as junior closer Aaron Narva continues to nurse an elbow injury.

"He's going to be a little bit behind, because we're going to be conservative, because it matters when we get back," coach John Casey said.

Meanwhile, Casey has relied upon Protano and Johanson to lead the Jumbos' weakened bullpen.

"[Protano] has taken a big step from his freshman year to this year," Casey said.

Relay teams' success at Nationals propels Tufts to historic season

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the day set a new school record. In addition, although Godsey finished 34th in the 200 yard medley, his time of 1:56.09 also broke a Tufts record.

"To finish up a career as a three-time All-American and tenth-place as a team was just the icing on the cake," Godsey said.

With its fourth-place finish, the Tufts 800 yard freestyle relay team, composed of Godsey, senior quad-captain Brett Baker, junior Greg Bettencourt, and junior Justin Fanning, also earned All-American honors. The relay swam 6:48.55, bettering their preliminary time by 1.4 seconds and edging out fifth-place Emory University by .16 seconds.

"This year we were just really deep in the 200 yard freestyle [leg]," Kinsella said. "Going into Nationals, that was the one event that we were expecting to do as well as we did. It was unbelievable but that was not a shock."

Bettencourt added to his relay All-American award with an individual one in the 500 yard freestyle, finishing eighth in 4:35.81. In the preliminaries, he broke his own school record with a time of

4:32.57. Bettencourt picked up an additional honorable mention All-American with his thirteenth-place performance in the 200 yard freestyle (1:41.78.)

Baker also earned another All-American award, swimming to a seventh place finish in the 200 yard freestyle with a time of 1:41.40. He earned honorable mention All-American status in three relays — the 400 yard medley, the 400 yard freestyle and the 200 yard freestyle.

The 400 yard medley squad of Baker, Godsey, Bettencourt and junior Mike Kinsella swam 3:29.55, enough for an 11th-place finish. The 400 yard freestyle relay of Bettencourt, Fanning, Shields and Baker also finished 11th in a time of 3:06.06. The 200 yard-freestyle team featuring Kinsella, Baker, freshman Andrew Shields and junior Jason Kapit finished in 1:24.03, good for twelfth place; and the 200 yard medley relay consisting of Godsey, Kinsella, Bettencourt and Shields swam 1:35.86 for a fifteenth place finish.

"[The team's performance] far exceeded what we were hoping for," Baker said. "Everyone swam as well as they were expected to, if not better."

SOFTBALL

Mixed results in California send Jumbos home at 4-8

BY SAM KRUMHOLZ
Senior Staff Writer

In addition to a healthy dose of California sun, the softball

SOFTBALL	
Sun West Tournament, Orange, CA	
March 19:	Tufts 3 Elmhurst 4
March 19:	Tufts 9 LaSierra 4
March 20:	Tufts 1 St. Thomas 5
March 20:	Tufts 2 Wesleyan 6
March 21:	Tufts 1 Simon Fraser 9
March 21:	Tufts 4 Cal State East Bay 9
March 23:	Tufts 8 Wesleyan 0
March 23:	Tufts 13 St. Catherine 0
March 24:	Tufts 1 Amherst 3
March 24:	Tufts 0 Biola 7
March 25:	Tufts 12 Taylor 7
March 25:	Tufts 1 Chapman 2

team received a humbling introduction to the 2006 season.

A whirlwind schedule of 12 games in six days in the Sun West Tournament in Orange, Calif. pitted the softball team against many of the nation's best clubs, and the Jumbos finished the week with mixed results, including a 4-8 record and two disappointing losses to NESCAC rivals Amherst and Wesleyan.

"We need to take what we learned in California and run with it," sophomore Erica Bailey said. "We need to improve on the things we did poorly and come back mentally and physically stronger."

In their defense, the Jumbos faced some of the nation's best, taking on the back-to-back defending champion, St. Thomas, as well as No. 3 Chapman, No. 25 Biola, and NAIA-ranked No. 2 Simon Fraser. Tufts lost the three games by a combined score of 21-2. While the Jumbos' bats started to come around later in the week, the offensive woes were troubling for a team that known for its ability to score runs.

"We got to a point where we could compete with [the top-ranked teams]," said Jess Barrett, a senior co-captain and outfielder. "But we have to hit better."

The Jumbos batted just .275 as a team throughout the tournament and battled inconsistency at the plate. They were held under four runs seven times, compared to five times in all of last season.

"We faced really good pitchers that have been out there a lot already this season," senior co-captain Sarah Conroy said. "One big thing is for us to remember that it's not the pitcher's game. It's our game, and we can't worry about what she's throwing."

The Jumbos' offensive struggles were on full display the previous day, as they fell 3-1 to NESCAC foe Amherst. Tufts managed only three hits off of senior Miya Warner, who pitched a complete game for the win, striking out ten.

The teams traded runs in the first inning, but a four-hit inning and passed ball in the top of the second gave the Lord Jeffs their second run and a lead they would not relinquish. Tufts senior Julia Brenta picked up the loss with two strikeouts, seven walks, and 10 hits.

It was more of the same in the second game, as the Jumbos fell 7-0 to No. 25 Biola University that afternoon. A two-out Lopez double in the first failed to rally the Jumbos, and in the bottom of the inning, Biola freshman Keena Levert smacked her seventh home run of the season to put the Eagles up 2-0. The Jumbos turned out only four hits as Bailey took the loss on the mound.

"We have to be more disciplined and look for our pitch," senior co-captain Sarah Conroy said. "That really came together for us in the last two games. We lost to Chapman, but we ended up pounding the ball in the first game [against Taylor]. We had

a rocky beginning at the plate, but we started to turn it around later in the week."

The team's bats came alive in its final day of play as the Jumbos split their final two games, beating Taylor 12-7 and losing a 2-1 heartbreaker to Chapman. Five Jumbos had multiple hits in the first game, led by three from sophomore Danielle Lopez and freshman Cara Hovhanessian, including a home run for each. The pair lead the Jumbos at the plate all week, batting .366 and .368 respectively.

A high point for the Jumbos came on Thursday, as they shut out both Wesleyan and St. Catherine's College, 8-0 and 13-0 respectively. The Cardinals had beaten Tufts on Monday, 6-2, but Tufts came out on top the second time around. The Jumbos were buoyed by the tremendous arm of freshman Lauren Gelmetti, who pitched a one-hit shutout in a six-inning game. Gelmetti earned her first collegiate win, striking out six and walking none.

The Jumbo bats were firing against a trio of Cardinal pitchers. Hovhanessian led the offensive outburst with three hits and an RBI, and senior co-captain Jess Barrett went 3-for-4 with two doubles, a run scored, and two RBIs. Lopez added a pair of doubles, RBIs, and runs.

The games gave the Jumbos an early look at league competition.

"Coming back and beating Wesleyan was big for us because these are the teams we're going to play with," Conroy said. "No

team is going to lay down for us, and NESCAC teams are getting better every year. People are going to challenge us and that's good for us."

In the second leg of the doubleheader, Tufts was powered to a five-inning 13-0 win over St. Catherine's behind Lopez's two-run homer and three RBIs and Hovhanessian's 3-for-3 performance at the plate. The shutout was split between Conroy, who went three and one-third innings for six strikeouts and no hits, and junior Lauren Ebstein who went one and two-thirds innings, facing just six batters and allowing no hits.

"I think for the most part we had our pitching staff to thank for staying in the games," said Barrett.

In addition to the losses to nationally-ranked Biola and St. Thomas, the Jumbos also faced No. 2 NAIA-ranked Simon Fraser, losing 9-1 in a six-inning game to the Clan, who capped a perfect 8-0 tournament run with the win. The Jumbos' lone run was unearned, and Gelmetti took the loss for the Jumbos, giving up five runs, all earned, in two innings.

The Jumbos return to the East Coast with a 4-8 mark and some ground to make up.

"We knew we'd have a tough schedule, but it was a great way to assess where we are," Conroy said. "Now we have very specific things to work on in practice — being a lot more sharp, on offense and on defense. We don't have anything huge to fix, and that's a good place to be."

George Mason wears Cinderella slipper to Final Four appearance

BY DAMIEN PIERCE
Knight Ridder Tribune

After answering one last question inside the Verizon Center's media room on Sunday afternoon, George Mason guard Lamar Butler swiped a card bearing his name on it that had been resting on a table in front of him.

He dumped the card into a gym bag that was already carrying a game program and a couple twines from a basketball net.

"I'm picking up every memento I can find in this building," Butler said. "I'm taking everything back home."

He wasn't going to leave behind a

single scrap of George Mason's history-making performance.

Behind a tenacious defense and Butler's clutch 3-pointer shooting, George Mason made history with a shocking 86-84 overtime victory over NCAA Tournament favorite Connecticut that will send the once-unknown Patriots to the Final Four.

George Mason (27-7) became only the second double-digit seed (at 11) to ever reach the Final Four, matching 11th-seeded LSU's run in 1986.

Not since Larry Bird led Indiana State to the national championship game in 1979 has a school from a true mid-major conference reached college basketball's grandest stage.

SCHEDULE | March 27 - April 2

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
Baseball			at Mass Maritime 3:00		at Bates 3:00	at Bates (2) 12:00	
Softball		at Springfield (2) 2:30			at Suffolk 3:00		Williams (2) 1:00
Men's Lacrosse			at Amherst 4:00			at Trinity 4:00	
Women's Lacrosse						Bates 12:00	
Men's Tennis					at Middlebury 4:00		Williams 1:00
Women's Tennis							

STATISTICS | STANDINGS

Men's Lacrosse			
	G	A	P
Mark Warner	4	4	8
Billy Granger	4	4	8
Michael Hughes	6	0	6
Mike O'Brien	3	3	6
Rory Doucette	3	2	5
Brett Holm	3	1	4
Connor Ginsberg	3	1	4
Casey D'Annolfo	2	1	3
Chris Connelly	2	0	2
Matt Lanuto	2	0	2
Goaltending	Sh	Sa	%
Matt Harrigan	120	65	.699

Women's Lacrosse			
	G	A	P
Dena Miller	11	5	16
Lauren Murphy	7	6	13
Maya Shoham	5	7	12
Bretlyn Curtis	6	4	10
Sarah Williams	5	4	9
Alyssa Corbett	4	2	8
Meredith Harris	3	2	6
Christine Attura	2	2	5
Courtney Thomas	3	2	4
Jackie Thomas	1	0	3
Goaltending	Sh	Sa	%
Tracy Rittenour	10	4	.400
Gillian Kline	19	8	.421

USILA Div. III Men's Lacrosse	
as of Mar. 20, 2006	
Ranking, team (No. 1 votes)	
1. Salisbury (15)	
2. Middlebury	
3. Gettysburg	
4. Lynchburg	
5. Washington (Md.)	
6. RIT	
7. SUNY Cortland	
8. Roanoke	
9. Nazareth	
16. Tufts	

Div. III Women's Lacrosse IWLCA	
Preseason Ranking	
Ranking, team (No. 1 votes)	
1. The College of New Jersey (15)	
2. Salisbury	
3. Middlebury	
4. Colorado College	
5. Gettysburg	
6. SUNY Cortland	
7. Bowdoin	
8. Amherst	
9. Colby	
Also receiving votes: Tufts (21)	

ESPN NBA Power Rankings	
as of Mar. 25, 2006	
Rank, Team (Previous)	
1. Spurs (2)	
2. Mavericks (3)	
3. Pistons (1)	
4. Suns (5)	
5. Heat (3)	
6. Nuggets (8)	
7. Clippers (6)	
8. Nets (11)	
9. Grizzlies (12)	
10. Cavaliers (15)	

ESPN NHL Power Rankings	
as of Mar. 25, 2006	
Rank, Team (Previous)	
1. Red Wings (1)	
2. Sabres (3)	
3. Hurricanes (2)	
4. Stars (2)	
5. Senators (6)	
6. Flames (7)	
7. Rangers (5)	
8. Predators (9)	
9. Canadiens (9)	
10. Kings (8)	

NBA Scoreboard			
PHI	79	NY	94
IND	92	MIN	98
TOR	116	CHI	101
MIL	125 OT	BOS	97
CLE	104 OT	CHA	95
HOU	102	MEM	102
ATL	101	NJ	79
ORL	108	DET	74
LAC	97	GSW	90
POR	83	SAC	83

NHL Scoreboard			
SJ	5 OT	TOR	4
CHI	4	NJ	3
MON	6	EDM	4 SO
PIT	5	COL	3
CAL	2		
DAL	3		

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Jumbos sweep road trip, jump to perfect 4-0

Offensive firepower overwhelms opposing defense for three blowout victories

BY LIZ HOFFMAN
Daily Editorial Board

The veteran offense of the women's lacrosse team wasted no time proving itself.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Saturday:
Tufts 16
Bridgewater State 5

March 20:
Tufts 13
Buffalo State 4

March 19:
Tufts 16
Franklin Pierce 2

Led by senior co-captain Dena Miller, the Jumbos scored 45 goals during their three-game stint over spring break to bring their season total to 56. The team's three routs over Bridgewater State, Buffalo State and Franklin Pierce improved its record to a perfect 4-0 to start the season.

"We know that our NESCAC schedule is going to be very competitive, but when we go down to Florida we don't know how the teams are going to be," junior Lauren Murphy said. "Last year, some of the games were a lot closer, but it's still good for us to run through our offense, get a handle on everything, and see how we mesh as a team."

After being singled out for coverage and held scoreless in the team's season opener, Miller exploded offensively, pouring in 11 goals in the three games. She broke out in the first leg of the trip, scoring four first-half goals and adding two assists in the Jumbos' 16-2 rout over Franklin Pierce.

Most of the offensive and midfield roster joined Miller on the scoreboard, as 11 different Jumbos scored and several tallied multiple goals. The offensive arsenal of Murphy and sophomores Alyssa Corbett, Bretlyn Curtis and Sarah Williams bolstered Miller's production and have formed a formidable offensive corps.

"Our attack is a lot deeper than it was last year," Murphy said. "We have a lot of people stepping up, and everyone's capable of scoring goals."

In the team's 16-5 thrashing of Bridgewater State on Saturday, Miller poured in five goals, Murphy added three scores and two assists, Corbett contributed two goals and one assist, and seven other Jumbos scored a tally as the team out-shot the Bears 41-9 to pull off a repeat performance of its 18-5 win in 2005.

The Jumbos scored the first 10 goals



MIKE CONROY/TUFTS DAILY

Sophomore Caitlin Friedensohn, shown here in a preseason practice, scored her first collegiate goal against Franklin Pierce on Mar. 19.

of the game and entered the half with an 11-2 lead. Freshman Gillian Kline and junior Tracy Rittenour split time in goal, but Bridgewater's shots were few and far between, and Rittenour recorded the only two Tufts saves of the game in the second half.

"Everyone's working together and running our offense and no one's worrying about who's scoring," Williams said. "The two games where we killed them weren't really that helpful and I think we sometimes played down to their level, but overall it was a good chance for us to run our offense."

The Jumbos started off the trip at Franklin Pierce, where they picked up their first win of the break with a 16-2 trouncing of the Ravens. Tufts scored the first twelve goals, with Miller in front with four and Williams and freshman Chrissie

Attura both adding a pair. Sophomore Caitlin Friedensohn and freshman Courtney Thomas netted their first collegiate goals.

Kline picked up her first win of the season in goal, only having to make one save and keeping the Ravens off the board for the first half.

This weekend, the Jumbos will face their first real test of the season as they begin their NESCAC schedule against Bates on Saturday. The Bobcats are 0-1 in league play, having lost a 9-8 nail-biter to Wesleyan.

"We're expecting more of a competition [from Bates], but we have a whole week to practice," Murphy said. "So we're working toward their level of play, and we're going to try to come out and play the entire game with the same intensity as we do in the first five minutes."

COLE LIBERATOR | HOT PEAS AND BUTTER



Break? What Break?

When I was younger I always dreaded the day after Spring Break.

It's ironic now considering the fact that I only have a month left and all I want to do is stay in school. But back then, that first Monday back meant waking up early and giving that dreaded "What I did on my Spring Break" report in school.

Why? Basically, it was because my spring breaks consisted of loading up the family car and driving to the grandmother's house in Connecticut. But it's not that I'm bitter about the trips. I love my grandmother. It's just that every year, without fail, I'd have to follow the newly bronzed, braided hair girl who spent the week traveling from island to island in the Caribbean. I felt like Jimmy Fallon having to follow Richard Pryor at the Apollo. I had no shot and half the class was passed out by my second paragraph.

But seeing as I am currently hovering 20,000 feet above Houston after a trip to South Padre Island, Texas, I figure I have both the material and the medium necessary to right all those crappy reports. But instead of rehashing the week's events, I'll modify the assignment to what I learned from this little excursion.

First of all, alcoholics deserve a lot more credit than they receive. After going through a personal eight day bender, my head feels like someone is slowly tightening a vice around it, and I swear I can feel my liver giving way. I am also giving off an odor that is a combination of B. O., alcohol, and fermented yeast (don't ask me why) that is so pungent that the skinny Asian kid with the broken English next to me keeps nervously fidgeting in his seat.

But alcoholics do this same thing day in and day out for the entire year. While we call New Years Eve one of the biggest parties of the year, they call it "amateur night." No wonder there isn't time to deal with petty things such as jobs, kids, and overall well being. These people have a full plate already.

Secondly, drunk texts are always bad texts. Unless your last name happens to be Thompson, Capote, Hemingway, Poe...well actually most great writers were drunks.

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Athletes of the Week

DENA MILLER, WOMEN'S LACROSSE

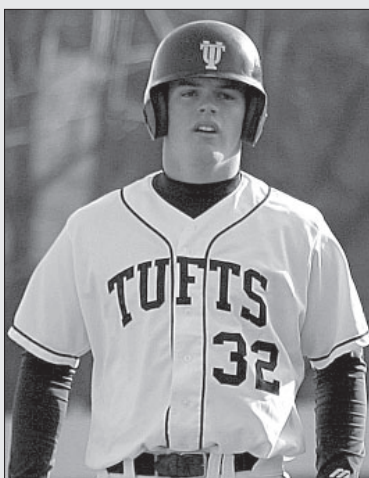
Senior co-captain Dena Miller led the women's lacrosse team's spring break undefeated run, during which the Jumbos destroyed their opponents, scoring 45 combined goals and compiling an average win margin of 9.75 goals. After being targeted for defensive attention during the team's season opener against Wellesley before the break, Miller finally got in the Jumbo scorebooks, pouring in 11 goals over the team's three-game road trip. In the Jumbos' first game, Miller contributed four first-half goals and two assists as Tufts trounced Franklin Pierce, 16-2.

She wasn't done yet, however, and after a two-goal performance in the team's 13-4 win over Buffalo State, the senior attack player hammered off five goals to propel the Jumbos past Bridgewater State, 16-5.

Miller has led a veteran and talented Jumbo attack so far in this young season, as the team returned the core of its midfield and offense from last season.



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BRYAN MCDAVITT, BASEBALL

During his team's trip to Virginia and North Carolina over spring break, junior tri-captain Bryan McDavitt provided clutch offensive performances against formidable southern squads. McDavitt's RBI single in the top of the ninth inning of Monday night's game against Guilford drove in junior Brian Casey and broke a 4-4 tie that sealed the second victory for his team, evening its record at 2-2.

In a double-header against Apprentice on Saturday, McDavitt was a combined 5-9 from the plate, driving in four runs and scoring three. In the second game, McDavitt spurred two separate rallies, yielding four runs, the only offense his team would need to pull out the victory. His single in the fourth inning and his double in the sixth inning set up a pair of two-run rallies that allowed the Jumbos to walk away victorious in both games that day.

McDavitt helped his team compile a 6-3 record on the southern swing, after losing the first two games of the season against Lynchburg and Randolph-Macon on Mar. 17 and 19.

Sports

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BASEBALL

Jumbos rebound from early losses to win seven of last nine

BY EVANS CLINCHY
Senior Staff Writer

While some of the student body may have spent spring break tanning on beaches along both the

BASEBALL

Mar. 26:
Tufts 7
Virginia Wesleyan 1

Mar. 26 (2):
Tufts 3
Virginia Wesleyan 8

Mar. 25
Tufts 15
Apprentice 1

Mar. 25 (2):
Tufts 4
Apprentice 3

Mar. 24:
Tufts 6
Greensboro 13

Mar. 23:
Tufts 3
North Carolina Wesleyan 2

Mar. 22:
Tufts 3
Methodist 1

Mar. 20:
Maryville 2
Tufts 15

Mar. 20:
Tufts 6
Guilford 4

Mar. 19:
Tufts 4
Randolph-Macon 6

Mar. 17:
Tufts 2
Lynchburg 10

East and West Coasts, the baseball team spent the week playing a rigorous stretch of games in Virginia and North Carolina.

After a rough opening weekend in southern Virginia, in which the Jumbos dropped their first two games, the team rebounded, winning seven of its next nine and amassing a 7-4 record to begin the 2006 season.

"We did some good things and some bad things down there," said senior southpaw Zak Smotherman, who turned in two solid outings on the mound. "But I don't think we've put it all together yet. I'm still looking forward to that."

On Sunday afternoon, the Jumbos split a double-header with Virginia Wesleyan. Junior tri-captain Ben Simon pitched a complete game in the opener, winning 7-1, while a fatigued Tufts staff suffered an 8-3 loss in the nightcap.

The previous day, Tufts swept the home-team Apprentice Builders in a doubleheader, 15-1 and 4-3. Smotherman pitched a complete-game gem in the opening game, striking out 11, walking two and surrendering just four hits.

"I tried to get ahead on the hitters, throw strikes and get the ball down in the zone," Smotherman said of the win, which snapped a seven-game winning streak for the Builders.

Junior tri-captain Bryan McDavitt and senior centerfielder Jim O'Leary provided the offensive support for Smotherman. Both sluggers drove in three runs; McDavitt was 3-for-5 at the plate and O'Leary was 2-for-3.

McDavitt and O'Leary continued their hot hitting in the second game, both going 2-for-4 and providing the impetus for a pair



MIKE SPARANDARA/TUFTS DAILY

Senior pitcher Erik Johanson, pictured here last season, helped his team jump out to a 6-3 record over spring break with his performances against Apprentice and Methodist.

of two-run rallies in the game, one in the fourth inning and one in the sixth, to put Tufts up 4-0. Sophomore Adam Telian compiled six scoreless innings, but stumbled in the seventh inning.

After allowing a walk and a double to start the seventh, Telian left the game, handing the ball over to sophomore Jason

Protano and senior Erik Johanson to close it out. Johanson eventually recorded the save, stifling an Apprentice comeback and finishing off a 4-3 win.

The sweep came on the heels of a lopsided 13-6 loss at Greensboro on Friday, as the Pride overcame an early 4-1 deficit to score nine runs in the third

against junior hurlers Carlos Lopez and Brian Casey. Despite two home runs from freshman centerfielder Brian McDonough, Tufts failed to recover from the nightmarish third inning.

Junior pitcher Derek Rice turned in a masterpiece for the

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Harrigan impresses in net as Tufts moves to 4-1

BY MEGHAN BECQUE
Daily Staff Writer

The men's lacrosse team kept busy over spring break, winning three of its four games and finishing strong with

MEN'S LACROSSE

Saturday:
Tufts 8
St. Mary's 3

March 22:
Tufts 2
Roanoke 11

March 20:
Tufts 7
Endicott 5

March 17:
Eastern Connecticut 2
Tufts 14

an 8-3 victory over St. Mary's College on Saturday.

The break brought high points, as freshman goalie Matt Harrigan was named Div. III Player of the Week on Mar. 20 by Inside Lacrosse magazine, and low ones, as the Jumbos suffered a wake-up loss to No. 7 Roanoke on Mar. 22.

The capstone on the trip, however, was the victory over No. 17 St. Mary's on Saturday.

Senior midfielder Mike Hughes was the game's high scorer with three goals, and junior attackman Mark Warner and senior midfielder Mike O'Brien each contributed a goal and an assist.

The Jumbos had a narrow 4-3 lead at halftime, but the second half was all Tufts. Three more Tufts goals, eight squandered extra-man advantages by St. Mary's and a second half shutout by Harrigan sealed the win. After the loss to Roanoke, the Jumbos' victory over St.



MIKE CONROY/TUFTS DAILY

Sophomore attackman Connor Ginsberg carries the ball during the Jumbos' win over Skidmore on Mar. 14. Ginsberg has scored in each of the Jumbos' last three games.

Mary's put them on the right track. St. Mary's had beaten Roanoke earlier this season, 9-5.

The Jumbos were a different team against Roanoke. The Maroons tallied 39 shots and were 4-4 on the extra man advantage, pounding on Tufts' defense.

"Before [the Roanoke game], we had close games but we hadn't lost yet," junior defenseman Alex Bezdek said. "Taking in some poor play carried over into a great team like Roanoke. They exploited us."

The Maroons were on target from the beginning and they finished the

first period with a 4-0 lead. Senior co-captain Rory Doucette put the Jumbos on the board before halftime, sending the team into intermission with some hope of a second-half comeback. But Roanoke slammed shut the window of opportunity with five consecutive goals in the second half, sealing the victory.

"We knew what they were going to be doing on defense and offense, but we were way too anxious," Bezdek said. "We stopped playing like a team, and it snowballed. We saw how poorly we can

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MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Senior Godsey leads team to top-ten finish at Nationals

BY SAM KRUMHOLZ
Senior Staff Writer

The team that had been setting records and turning heads all season long had one thing left to prove.

The men's swimming and diving team returned from the NCAA Div. III Championships, held on Mar. 16-18 in Minneapolis, with its best finish in over 25 years, placing 10th with 119.5 points.

"I was really thrilled with the way everyone swam, and getting top 10 was unbelievable," junior Mike Kinsella said. "Going in [to the season] we said we'd really like to increase our showing at nationals and get into the top 25. We really showed everyone that we could compete on that level with anyone in the nation."

The Jumbos were led by senior Jon Godsey, who picked up two individual All-American awards and set two new school records, in addition to swimming in the 800 yard freestyle relay team, which finished fourth overall.

"We knew that top 15 would be reachable if we all swam at a NESCAC level," Godsey said. "For us to finish 10th was somewhat of a pleasant surprise."

Godsey earned his individual awards in the 100 and 200 yard backstroke and set a school record in the 200 yard individual medley. He swam to an eighth-place finish in the 100-yard backstroke in 51.54, sneaking into the last spot that merits All-American honors. In the 200-yard backstroke, Godsey finished sixth with a time of 1:51.94 in the finals. His 1:50.89 preliminary time from earlier in

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