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## Suspect arrested in knife-point robbery of graduate student

BY GIOVANNI RUSSONELLO  
Daily Editorial Board

The Somerville Police arrested a suspect on Monday night for the armed robbery of a Tufts graduate student last Friday.

Police attained a warrant to arrest Robert Galatis, 29, and con-

fronted him at his house at 182 Powderhouse Blvd., according to Sargeant Robert McCarthy of the Tufts University Police Department (TUPD).

"Somerville Police made an arrest based on information [gathered from] working with Tufts, Medford and Somerville

Police," McCarthy said.

McCarthy said Galatis matches the suspect description that TUPD e-mailed to the student body on Friday: a white male with a crew cut, approximately 5'9" tall.

Max Kardon, a student at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, was robbed at knife-

point at about 1 a.m. on Friday morning. He and his friend had stepped in to help a female undergraduate who was being harassed by the assailant.

Surveillance cameras at a local CVS Pharmacy and a Dunkin' Donuts caught footage of a man using Kardon's credit card shortly

after the incident Friday morning. In the footage, the man is accompanied by a female. Also, Kardon saw a red Ford Taurus pick up the attacker directly after the armed robbery.

The Somerville Police have yet to identify or arrest the woman in the video, McCarthy said.

## Congress, universities clash on endowment spending

### Bacow calls annual spending requirement 'inappropriate'

BY ALEX BLOOM  
Daily Editorial Board

University President Lawrence Bacow issued a letter on Feb. 28 condemning the U.S. Senate Finance Committee's suggestion that national colleges and universities should be forced to spend five percent of their endowments every year.

The committee is investigating what it views as a disconnect between colleges' continued increases in tuition and their rapidly growing endowments.

While private foundations are required to spend five percent of their funds each year to maintain a tax exemption, non-profit higher education institutions are subject to no such requirement, although they are tax-exempt.

But Bacow, a former economics professor, called the comparison between universities and private foundations "inappropriate" in his letter, which he sent to the leaders of the Senate Finance Committee.

Foundations can analyze their  
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ANNIE WERMIEL/TUFTS DAILY

Some Tufts administrators highly critical of the U.S. Senate's potential plan to mandate colleges' endowment spending.

### Sen. Grassley defends inquiry, five-percent spending minimum

BY ALEX BLOOM  
Daily Editorial Board



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Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) is leading a campaign to control colleges' rising tuitions, saying soaring endowments should mitigate the trend.

Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) pushed for the Senate Finance Committee's proposed five-percent annual spending requirement for college endowments in a conference call with college newspapers on Monday. The suggested policy is part of Congress' increased focus on the rising cost of attending college.

"I believe that it's fair to say that the questions that I've raised, the questions that [the media have] raised are having a ripple effect through academia, and that ripple effect is good," said Grassley, who is the ranking Republican on the committee. "Just like Congress is not going to be responsible if our constituents don't watch over us, university trustees [and] administration may not be responsible if you don't look over them and other people look over them."

Non-profit universities and colleges receive a tax exemption, similar to foundations. Private foundations, however, must annually spend at least five percent of their endowment to maintain the tax exemption, whereas colleges face no such requirement. The Senate Finance Committee is concerned that tuition prices continue to rise despite continued growth in college endowments.

On Jan. 24, the committee mailed letters to 136 U.S. colleges and universities with endowments over \$500 million.

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### BY THE NUMBERS

#### Tufts' endowment spending

The Senate Finance Committee sent a letter to Tufts on Jan. 24 requesting detailed information on the school's endowment, tuition costs and financial aid spending. President Lawrence Bacow reported the following statistics:

**5** Proposed percentage requirement of annual endowment spending

**4.5** Minimum percentage that Tufts told the Committee it spends each year

**\$700 million** Tufts' endowment in FY 2003-04

**\$1.4 billion** Tufts' endowment in FY 2006-07

**\$30,817** Total cost of tuition, fall 1999

**\$46,860** Total cost of tuition, fall 2008

**\$20.8 million** Tuition assistance Tufts provided in 1999

**\$42 million** Tuition assistance Tufts will provide in 2008

## Driver who killed student now protests pretrial deal

BY MARYSA LIN  
Daily Editorial Board

A Somerville resident that hit and killed a Tufts student with his car three years ago is seeking to regain his license, challenging the pretrial probation terms to which he originally agreed.

Frank Privitera, 74, hit Tufts senior and exchange student Boryana "Bory" Damyanova with his Lincoln sedan just outside of Powderhouse Circle on Nov. 22, 2005. After the collision, Damyanova was hit by a second vehicle and died instantly.

On March 4 of that year, Privitera agreed to have his license revoked for five years as a pretrial probation agreement. When a defendant agrees to a pretrial agreement, "as long as you adhere to the terms and you do not

commit another crime, then the case is resolved without a guilty finding," according to Jessica Venezia, spokeswoman for Middlesex District Attorney Gerald T. Leone, Jr.

"He's charged, but basically by agreeing to the terms of the plea, it continues without a finding for whatever period of time they determine," she added.

Venezia said that Privitera no longer agreed with the suspension of his license. "Basically he'll either have a trial or he'll agree to terms of probation."

Theoretically, Privitera's lawyers and the District Attorney's office can renegotiate the probation terms, but Venezia could not comment on whether renegotiation was actually being considered.

"If he doesn't agree to [the

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## Former U.S. treasurer Buchanan details arguments against illegal immigration

BY ALEXANDRA BOGUS  
Daily Staff Writer

Bay Buchanan, a former U.S. treasurer under President Ronald Reagan, argued that the United States must secure its borders during a Barnum Hall lecture on Tuesday night.

The lecture, entitled "Stop the Bleeding: America's Immigration Crisis," was sponsored by the Tufts Republicans and Young America's Foundation, an organization that promotes conservative thinking in the nation's youth.

Buchanan, a noted Republican strategist and the sister of politician Pat Buchanan, was a presidential campaign advisor to former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney.

Buchanan first addressed the growing negative sentiment of the American problem towards the immigration issue, stressing that it was a problem that crossed party



ANNIE WERMIEL/TUFTS DAILY

Former U.S. Treasurer Bay Buchanan spoke against illegal immigration last night.

lines. "Never even in the time of Nixon have I seen a populace as angry as they are today," she said.

Buchanan directly linked this anger with America's unsecured borders. "Now it's a complete sieve again," she said.

Buchanan cited gang-controlled

trafficking of drugs and humans across the Mexican border as a leading effect of unsecured borders. She went on to discuss the devastating economic consequences as well.

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An FBI study found that campus crime rates have decreased nationwide.

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The men's lacrosse team improved to 2-0 with a thrilling double-overtime win against Eastern Connecticut State.

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# Bacow says complicated nature of endowment funds makes mandates difficult

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endowments yearly and adjust to market conditions, but colleges must maintain a large operating budget, Bacow said.

"[C]olleges and universities entail substantial fixed costs that include faculty positions, libraries, dormitories and research laboratories," Bacow said in the letter. "Thus, it is much harder to accelerate and decelerate spending in response to changing market conditions."

The committee mailed letters on Jan. 24 to 136 U.S. colleges and universities whose individual endowments exceed \$500 million, requesting detailed information on financial aid, tuition increases and endowment growth.

Tufts, which has an endowment of \$1.4 billion, was among these schools. Tufts' endowment has doubled since the 2003-2004 school year, when it was approximately \$700 million. Tufts' endowment is the 49th-largest in the country, according to a study released on Jan. 24 by the National Association of College and University Business Officers.

Bacow argued that endowment spending is tightly controlled to protect against shifts in the economy. Spending is already

targeted at five percent over a 36-month trailing average and therefore spending will "result in payouts less than five percent in a rising market and payouts greater than five percent in a declining market ..."

"Obviously the past several years have been good for most endowments so spending rates have lagged the five percent target," Bacow told the Daily. "As the markets correct, spending rates should exceed the targeted payout."

Bacow said that the spending policy at Tufts seeks to preserve the principle of inter-generational equity.

"We seek to ensure that future generations of students will receive the same benefit from the endowment as current students do," Bacow said. "While we are fortunate to have had strong investment returns in recent years, we must protect the value of the endowment against falling markets."

Statistics appended to Bacow's letter to the Senate Finance Committee indicated that the cost of tuition at Tufts has increased by \$16,043 since 1999, a 52-percent growth; the average annual growth in tuition costs over the last 10 years is 4.8 percent.

Despite the increase, university officials say that the university actively pursues policies to control spending.

"Tufts is aggressively working to control costs and ensure that we get maximum return on every dollar we spend," Executive Vice President Patricia Campbell said in a statement. She cited that the university has brought legal services "in-house" and has become more energy-efficient as examples.

University spending on tuition assistance has more than doubled over the last 10 years, increasing to \$42 million this year. In 1999, Tufts gave out an average of \$4,354 in aid per student; that has increased to \$8,373 for 2008.

Tufts announced last fall that it will move to a policy of need-blind admissions and meet the full demonstrated need of all students. Additionally, the university has replaced loans with grants for students from households with annual incomes under \$40,000.

Bacow offered other arguments against the five-percent requirement. Endowment funds are often earmarked for certain areas of spending, and those not dedicated to reducing tuition costs and increasing financial aid cannot be shifted to address these concerns.

At Tufts, the letter said, 60 percent of the endowment is designated for certain uses. Of that 60 percent, 37 percent of the endowment,

roughly \$516 million, is restricted for need-based scholarships, according to the letter.

"Donor intentions restrict the permissible use of a substantial portion of university endowment funds," Bacow said. "Funds cannot legally or ethically be directed to purposes other than those specified by the deed of the gift."

According to the letter, tuition increases at Tufts are based on multi-year operating budgets prepared by each dean. Budgets are "reviewed centrally for consistency with plans, market conditions and historical activity patterns." The Board of Trustees has the final say in deciding tuitions.

"The Board of Trustees votes annually on each school's tuition as part of the university's budget process," the letter said.

A standing committee does comment and advise on the undergraduate budget, although only faculty can be members. The Arts, Sciences & Engineering Budget & University Priorities Committee is a faculty committee, has elected membership and has deans and certain staff as *ex officio* members, according to the letter.

"There are no formal opportunities for parents to comment on tuition increases prior to final decisions being made," the letter said.

# Both tuition and spending have increased at Tufts in the past decade

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Tufts was one of these higher education institutions. The letters requested detailed information on financial aid and endowment growth.

Tufts, which has an endowment of \$1.4 billion, replied on Feb. 28 to the committee's letter. The university's endowment has doubled since the 2003-2004 school year, when it was approximately \$700 million.

Tufts is one of a number of universities that have expressed opposition to the spending requirement, noting that most donations to endowments are earmarked for certain spending by the donor. Additionally, university officials argue, endowment spending is tightly controlled to protect endowments from fluctuations in the market.

Grassley said he is tired of such arguments and wants to see a change in university priorities.

"We shouldn't listen to Chicken Little stories about the sky falling. There's going to be good times and there's bad times, but we need to think in terms of the purpose of colleges and universities," Grassley said. "And colleges and universities who tap endowment dollars to help more students access top notch education are investing in the American dream."

The senator hopes congressional legislation will not be necessary. He said that forced dialogue from Congress often produces self-correction.

"We've found a lot of problems self-correcting and we haven't had to legislate much and I'd rather not legislate," Grassley said.

"Self-correction is better than legislation and particularly better than legislation in the case of having so many universities and colleges in the country that it's difficult to put them into one box

and consider them all the same," he added.

Yale University, Stanford University and Harvard University have all recently announced increases in awards even to families with incomes well above average. Stanford announced on Feb. 20 that it would not charge tuition to students from families with annual incomes of less than \$100,000. In addition, households with annual incomes of \$60,000 or less do not have to pay for room and board either.

"The response so far revealed how much opportunity there is ... for endowments to do more with the help of college costs," Grassley said. "Just a small increase for student tuition aid has a big impact. Just a small increase for a few million is a huge benefit for working families and students."

Grassley said that he is not currently drafting legislation,

and that he is not certain what legislation, if any, would be drafted.

"I just want colleges to be aware of the fact that the purposes of colleges are teaching, education and research, and that ... the money ought to be used for that purpose and that college endowments should not be a storehouse of funds."

Tufts' Executive Vice President Patricia Campbell said that the university already tries to spend about five percent of the endowment every year.

"Tufts already targets an endowment distribution rate of five percent," Campbell said in a statement. "We put those resources into areas that we believe will contribute to our ability to provide an exceptional education to our students and will further our mission as a leading research university."

She said that the university has taken many steps in recent

years to offer more financial aid, including introducing need-blind admissions for the Class of 2011 and future classes. Tufts also announced last semester that the university will replace loans with grants for students from households with incomes under \$40,000.

The university will spend \$42 million in aid this year. This number is nearly twice what it was in 1999.

The cost of tuition and other student expenses, however, has increased by \$16,017 since 1999, an increase of roughly 50 percent. Campbell said that the university has instituted measures to control costs, such as moving legal counsel "in-house."

"Throughout the university we have streamlined and consolidated our processes for purchasing and paying for goods and services, and our strength in this area has reaped significant savings," Campbell said.

# Buchanan: Illegal immigrants interfere with minimum wage

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"They're taking all the jobs," Buchanan said of illegal immigrants. She referenced personal stories that she has come across, saying the high unemployment rate Americans have had to endure is a result of current immigration levels. She added that American small-business owners cannot compete with businesses that hire Hispanic workers and pay them low wages.

Buchanan went on to highlight overcrowding in schools and hospitals as consequences of the immigration crisis. "It's cheap for corporations, but taxpayers are footing the bill," she said.

Buchanan placed the most blame on corporations, who hold the greatest clout in Washington. Because corporations provide the greatest financial support to politicians, she reasoned, lawmakers shy away from taking a forceful stance on the issue.

"They're sheep in Washington who do what the power people tell them," she said.

Buchanan consistently cited the failure of Washington to explain why the illegal immigration problem has grown so insurmountable. The lack of action concerning the issue can also be attributed to the government's fear of offending foreign governments, she said.

Buchanan added that because most illegal immigrants come to the United States for employment opportunities, they are unwilling to assimilate. "They're here for the work," she said. "They're not here to leave their roots and make this their number-one nation."

Buchanan made three recommendations that she insisted must be carried out in order to ameliorate the immigration crisis. She stressed that amnesty should never be offered again, as it would create a surge in illegal immigrants as it did during the Reagan era.

She also emphasized the importance of securing the Mexican border. The border itself, she said, must have a physical fence so that any subsequent presidents who

oppose tight controls would not be able to repeal it.

Third, Buchanan argued that it was necessary to enforce the law of the land, not merely in being vigilant against illegal immigrants themselves but against the corporations that hire them as well.

"We're talking about being flooded," she said. "If you want to come here and be an American, we expect you to obey the laws ... That is how it's done."

Buchanan ended her lecture by highlighting the importance of debate and why she thinks it is necessary to speak at college campuses. "This country is desperate for leaders," she said. She feels that debate, particularly in a college setting, is the only way to support controversial issues.

At the end of her speech, the floor opened up for an hour-long question-and-answer session.

The lecture was well attended by a variety of members of the student body, including a large portion of Tufts Republicans, Tufts Democrats and Latin-American students.

# Damyanova driver seeks new sentence

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terms] then he will have to go to trial," Venezia said, where he would be found either guilty or not guilty.

Privitera's next court appearance is set for March 18 at the Somerville District Court.

Damyanova, 22, was from Sofia, Bulgaria, and was a double major in international relations and economics. She was also a member of the 2003-04 Education for Public Inquiry and International Citizen (EPIIC) class.

The accident occurred as she was about to leave for Thanksgiving break. Since then, the Boryana Damyanova International Students' Scholarship Fund has been created in her honor.

This accident, coupled with other traffic-related incidents in 2006, prompted the city of Somerville to form a task force to evaluate pedestrian safety.

## MARKETS

Yesterday's close

▲ DOW JONES  
416.66 12,156.81

▲ NASDAQ  
86.42 2,255.76

## WEATHER FORECAST

Today  
Wednesday, March 12

Rain/Snow  
Sunrise: 7:01 AM  
Sunset: 6:47 PM

Mostly cloudy. Rain and snow showers in the morning. High around 45F.

Thursday

☀️  
Mostly Sunny  
41/34

Sunday

☁️  
Rain/Snow  
39/27

Friday

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Few Showers  
51/34

Monday

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Partly Cloudy  
40/30

Saturday

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Few Showers  
47/33

Tuesday

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Mostly Cloudy  
50/32

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"As long as we keep playing as a team, we will continue to improve and we can do whatever we want this year."*

D.J. Hessler  
freshman, men's lacrosse  
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# Features

THE TUFTS DAILY

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ANDREW MORGENTHALER/TUFTS DAILY

The Tufts University Police Department employs police who are fully trained in the same way as their municipal counterparts. According to a recent study done by the FBI, using trained police rather than security guards has helped decrease campus crime in recent years.

## Study finds college crime rates are decreasing

BY MEGHAN PESCH  
Daily Staff Writer

While the e-mail sent by Tufts' public safety department last Friday alerting the students of an armed robbery may have startled students, recent studies show that campus crime across the nation has decreased over the past decade.

A study released last month by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the U.S. Department of Education showed that because most college campuses have switched to sworn police officers rather than simply employing security guards, the crime rate on campuses across the country decreased by nine percent between the 1994-1995 and 2004-2005 academic years. And in the

same period, the rate of theft on campuses decreased by 30 percent.

In his 35 years with the Tufts University Police Department (TUPD), Sergeant Robert McCarthy said that the same types of occasional incidents have always caused anxiety.

"Safety is always a concern among students, but it is the same issues year in and year out that worry them," he said.

To minimize student anxiety, TUPD has been employing sworn police officers for over 30 years.

"Our officers attend the full-time Police Academy," McCarthy said. "It's a 23-week course that involves everything from classroom training dealing with legal updates and basic laws to physical training, defensive tactics, firearms

practice and defensive driving."

In addition to the initial training an officer must undergo, Tufts officers must attend in-service training throughout the year in order to keep their skills and abilities sharp.

The Department of Public and Environmental Safety also works to keep the students as safe as possible.

Senior Director of Public Safety John King said that a student survey is an important indicator of how students feel and what can be done to change those feelings, if necessary.

"Every three years [the Department of Public Safety] sends out a survey that asks about the students' perception

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## Recent school shootings spark concern at Tufts

TUPD and Tufts' counseling service take action to prevent tragedies on campus

BY GRETA COTTINGTON  
Contributing Writer

Following the February shootings at Northern Illinois University along with killings at both University of North Carolina and Auburn University last week, campus tragedies have again become a matter of concern for many students.

At Tufts, reactions to school shootings have prompted policy changes in recent years for several branches of the administration — particularly in the Tufts University Police Department (TUPD) and Tufts' Counseling and Mental Health Service department.

The TUPD boasts a variety of both preventative and responsive measures for dealing with active shootings on campus.

"Our entire department has been trained in active shooter response," TUPD Captain Mark Keith said. "We've also trained with both Medford and Somerville police, because if we were to have an incident on campus, it is very likely that Medford and Somerville will be responding to assist us."

The new active-response training at TUPD began last January. Keith said that the approach to this sort of training has changed over the years.

"Pre-Columbine, the philosophy was [to] respond, contain and wait for special teams to come in — SWAT teams," he said. "After Columbine, there was a

big shift in that philosophy in that there needs to be immediate action in order to prevent further loss of life."

Keith added that many campuses are seeking out ways to notify the surrounding community of potential dangers. "There are a lot of campuses nationwide who are looking into methods to contact as many people within their community as possible within the shortest period of time," he said.

Send Word Now, a program implemented last semester to rapidly send emergency alerts, is one of the most direct efforts to prevent campus violence. "It has the ability to contact thousands of people in a very short period of time over several methods — whether it be voicemail, text messaging, e-mail [or] cell phone," Keith said.

Junior Rachel Chervin said that she believes the Send Word Now program is a step in the right direction. "I feel like Tufts is a safe place," Chervin said. "There's a police apparatus set up and the emergency-response system definitely makes me feel safer."

But while many students understand the risks and danger of campus shootings, it can often be difficult to feel the reality of what is still a relatively uncommon occurrence. Senior Bennett Hillenbrand said that he knew students at Virginia Tech, but once he knew they were safe, it became hard to relate to the tragedy.

"Once it's not someone you know, it

is just something that you hear about, something that happened to someone else," Hillenbrand said.

Within Counseling and Mental Health Service, an offshoot of Tufts' Health Service, the department's tactics focus on prevention.

"It's one of our major responsibilities to create an environment of trust and respect and of inquiry so that people will actually feel comfortable coming to us," said Michelle Bowdler, senior director of Health Service.

The Daily recently reported on a proposed suicide-awareness grant that would target and reach out to students at risk for suicide and depression. The federal grant, which would give the university \$300,000 in aid over three years, aims to further connect the student body with the counseling services that are already in place by increasing awareness about counseling services and reducing the stigma that surrounds students who seek mental-health care.

Workshops for staff and freshmen and focus groups have also been put forth as possibilities by TUPD and Health Service.

The grant proposal recommends a "gatekeeper model," which is a method of educating those most directly connected with a given student, according to Supervising Clinician and Prevention Director of Counseling and

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MICHAEL SHERRY | POLITICAL ANIMAL



### News roundup

This past week hasn't seen any defining national political stories, so here's a roundup of a variety of political goings-on:

**Eliot Mess:** I'm stealing this headline from Stephen Colbert because I like it too much. Most of you have probably heard about New York Governor Eliot Spitzer's stunning revelation of his sexual adventures with the ladies of Emperor's Club VIP, an international escort agency that seems to have doubled as a high-class prostitution ring. Once the agency fell under investigation, its records were cracked open and Client No. 9 was revealed to be Spitzer. On Monday, Spitzer gave a somber statement admitting his wrongdoing. The Democratic governor is likely to resign in the wake of impeachment threats by N.Y. Republicans, who control the state legislature.

Spitzer's star seems to have fallen as fast as it had risen. Prior to winning the New York governorship in 2006, he had been the state's attorney general, where he made a name for himself as an aggressive foe of Wall Street crime. He cultivated an image of a hard-charging crusader for the little guy and enemy of fat-cat white-collar criminals. Wall Street resented him for his attacks, claiming his style was one of allegation and innuendo, not evidence. His subsequent claiming of the governorship was widely seen as a stepping stone to a run for the presidency in 2012 or 2016. I had expected him to make a strong showing, but no longer. A man who could have been a real leader of the Democratic Party will now resign in disgrace.

**Barack Bites Back:** I have been waiting impatiently for the Obama campaign to realize how the dynamic of the Democratic race has shifted since the Clinton victories in Ohio and Texas last Tuesday. The lesson that the Clinton camp has taken away from those wins is that if you throw enough crap at the wall, some of it will stick. The barrage they aimed at Obama in the days leading up to those primaries is the most negative they've ever gotten, hitting the candidate on his Commander-in-Chief credentials, NAFTA and comparing him to Democratic boogeyman Ken Starr.

Regardless of whether or not that negativity was the deciding factor in Ohio and Texas — I think the demographics of those states were just naturally favorable to Clinton — the Clinton folks think it was. They saw their first victories in a long time come only after they hit him hard. And if Obama doesn't start returning some shots, Clinton will take Pennsylvania by 10 points or more.

Obama seems to finally understand this. Two days ago he responded strongly to a Clinton whisper campaign suggesting he take a Vice Presidential gig under Hillary, arguing "If I'm not ready, how is it that you think I should be such a great Vice President? They are trying to hoodwink you."

Obama is rightfully pointing out the self-defeating argument of the Clintons, which is, essentially: "The first responsibility of the Vice President is that he be qualified to take over as Commander-in-Chief in the event of a catastrophe. Obama is not qualified to be the C-in-C, so nominate me, and I'll make Obama my VP." Got that? Because I sure don't.

**Remember McCain?:** Republican nominee John McCain is in a weird situation with his opponents locked in a bloody knife fight. He has a chance to catch his breath, raise money and implement a general election organization free from interference. On the flip side, the headlines will be Democrats, Democrats, Democrats for at least another two months. The worry for the McCain camp should be keeping their guy in the public eye while everyone watches the Hillary-Obama battle.

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## Tufts works to prevent suicide and depression

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Mental Health Service Marilyn Downs.

"If you look at an individual, you look at what are the things that need to be in place to reach that person," Downs said. "We think about who is going to be most in contact with students on a day to day basis [and who] is in the best position to possibly recognize someone who is in trouble."

Chervin said she thinks even more advertising of initiatives would encourage students in need to get help.

"You can only hope that if someone is feeling that depressed that they would seek help, but there is no guarantee," she said. "They have a good system in place and I would hope that people know those services are there, but they could promote themselves and publicize their services more broadly — get their number in everyone's hand and make sure people know how easy it is to get help."

Students and officials alike agree that shootings and suicide are urgent concerns for Tufts as much as any other university.

"I think it could happen anywhere," Keith said. "Schools, high schools, places of business, elementary schools ... I think it has been proven it can and does happen anywhere."

If Tufts students do find themselves in an active shooter situation, Keith advises them to find a safe space and barricade the door.



Northern Illinois University students mourn after the shooting there last month. MCT

"If you hear what you think might be gun shots — a lot of people dismiss it as, it must be fire crackers or something —

you should always consider it as the worst case scenario, in case it is, because you're wasting precious time," he said.

## Students call for larger TUPD presence on campus outskirts

### CAMPUS CRIME

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of safety and professionalism of our police staff," he said. "We have added more lighting around campus, based on students' perspective on where they don't feel as safe or aware."

Since King came to Tufts 18 years ago, 75 blue-light phones have been added on campus, bringing the total number to 100.

King said he credits the safety of Tufts to the strong relationship with the Medford and Somerville Police Departments as well as the students' awareness of what can happen around them.

"We have one of the best relationships with the police in the surrounding communities of Medford and Somerville," he said. "Also, the community here is very aware of the surroundings; they know what to do when something goes wrong."

This year, the public-safety survey resulted in 95 percent of students reporting that they felt either "safe" or "very safe," a statistic that King said was impressive.

"It means a lot that the students feel this way," King said. "[The students] understand what services are in place to keep them safe."

Despite the survey's results, students interviewed had mixed feelings about safety on campus, especially in light of the recent incidents. Freshman Dan Slate said that his proximity to the crimes worries him.

"I live in Lewis, where all the muggings take place, so no, I don't think Tufts is

that safe," Slate said. "On Thursday, I was sitting in my room doing homework when that robbery occurred. If I had gone outside then, it could have been me."

Freshman Colin Patterson said he has never worried about his safety.

"I think Tufts is safe; I've never had any bad experiences or felt threatened walking around in the middle of the night," he said. "I think the police are a strong presence and the reason for my safety, you can see them driving around all the time."

Others think that the police could be a stronger presence on the outskirts of campus — where crimes are more likely to happen.

"At 2 in the morning I still feel safe walking around through campus, but it's different on the edges," freshman Fallilat Akinleye said.

Freshman Leticia Cubias agreed that police should concentrate on more dangerous areas. "[The police] should patrol where things are going to happen, like on the outskirts. Nothing is going to happen outside Tisch [library], yet I always see them driving by there," she said.

Slate said that even increasing the police presence for a short period would make a difference in increasing his sense of safety.

"All they have to do is step-up patrol for a week and people will see them and not be as likely to commit a crime because they won't know when the police will be coming around next," he said.

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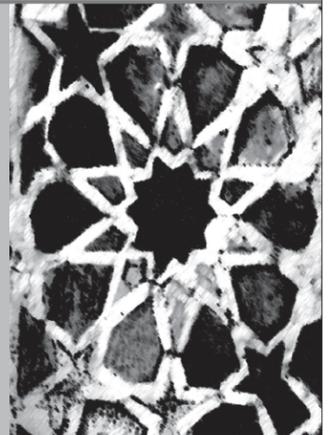


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ALBUM REVIEW

## Murder By Death's latest album dusts off its boots and spurs for a lesson in Americana

BY MATTHEW DIGIROLAMO  
Daily Staff Writer

Four-piece indie rock band Murder By Death released its fourth studio album "Red of Tooth and Claw" last Tuesday on

**Red of Tooth and Claw**  
Murder by Death

★★★★☆

Vagrant Records

its new label, Vagrant Records. The band, which is named after a Peter Sellers who-dunit mystery movie, is known for its wide range of musical styles, including fast-paced punk rock, alternative indie and a little bit of country.

This album, like "Who Will Survive, and What Will Be Left of Them?" (2003), is a concept album, following the band members as they delve into the late 1890s. Vocalist Adam Turla has said that the album resembles "Homer's Odyssey of revenge, only without the honorable character at the center."

Considering the snarly vocals and western feel of the first track, "Coming Home," one might imagine zombie Johnny Cash bursting into the room at its start. However, the heavy drum and guitar presence toward the middle of the song negates that feeling quickly.

People who loathe country music might as well skip this song — and the rest of the tracks as well. If one can stick it out however, a great album awaits.

Sure, the band relies heavily on the Western feel for the whole album, but some tracks are so interesting in themselves that they were much easier to listen to than others.

The cello parts, played by Sarah Balliet, add to the western and indie feel of the music. The sullen "Ball and Chain," which is



The band actually grew out of this field. Literally.

melancholy and full of cowboy-esque wailing, follows. The song relies on keyboards and piano, and speeds up toward the end, making up for the first half, which has more whining than even a typical Dashboard Confessional album.

The next track, "Rumbrave," is one of the best on the album and certainly the best out of the bunch that came before it. The track is upbeat and very wordy. As with many indie bands, the songs produced on this album are, for the most part and with little exception, lyrically brilliant. The album follows tradition with "Fuego!" — a catchy song, but only in that pretentious indie way. Surely many people won't find the song very catchy at all, but compared to any other popular song from a similar artist, there is something that makes this track stand out.

The album trails off with an instrumental piece, aptly titled "Theme (for Enrico Morricone)" because it sounds like the tense

background music that is played before any man goes off to duel in a western movie. The track is nice and doesn't seem overbearing or too calm for its own good.

The rest of the album is really a mixed bag of excellent songs, and songs that sound too similar to the ones before it. "A Second Opinion" sounds like it was taped when Turla had a bad stomach ache as he moans and wails his way over the chorus. "Steal Away," however, is reminiscent of the peppier and livelier tracks that offset tracks like "Ash," which are heavy and bring back the gothic feel of "Who Will Survive." Another different type of song is heard in "52 Ford," which is very rhythmic and might as well induce finger snapping and clapping to the beat. The final track on the album, "Spring Break 1899," reminds the listener of the old-timey high school slow dance, or possibly, a trip to an old west town where things are going smoothly and the road is clear ahead.

WINSTON BERKMAN AND CHARLOTTE BOURDILLON | TWO FOR TEA



### Rain, rain, go away

The makings of a terrible night: watching the Joey leave in front of you; trudging to Davis through that torrential rain last Friday night ("I wanna know, have you ever seen the rain?"), finding out you didn't do your homework and your first choice restaurant starting to card patrons after 5 p.m.

It's still raining; finding that, six blocks away, your second choice restaurant has also taken up this "21 and over" policy is just about the only thing that could make matters worse.

But the coup de grâce is ending up at Café Jaffa, under the impression that it might be a Middle Eastern "café" retreat from the overpriced Back Bay, only to find it is actually "Middle Eastern & American Food." Not that adding in American cuisine is inherently a bad sign, it's just a little jarring to see hamburgers so many times on the same menu as baba ghanoush (and Schnitzel, too?). So overall, yes, both the location and some nice lantern light gave this place some serious potential.

So fine, we'll try Café Jaffa. This is not a "thrifty, good eats, good price" place. Mostly, it's just plain, although one dish, the stuffed peppers, had a surprisingly bland beef and spices mix for the filling, and a side of rice pilaf that seemed more out-of-the-box than out-of-North-Africa. All such options are unreasonably priced over \$15, more than twice the price of most of the sandwich combos. And while these sandwiches are more your standard Middle Eastern rollup, you're almost too thrown by the odd pickles and a side of waffle chips to properly enjoy it.

We're not against a totally slash review of this place, but Winston insists on making a plug: His chicken schwarma was decent-to-good and was pretty big, and he liked that they toast the pita that came with our hummus plate. Also, we hear that they have a cool selection of Israeli beer, not that we'd know (we just read it online). But we do know, from actual first-hand experience, that they sell Israeli newspapers at the counter.

Along with the beer post, we found a lot of Internet foodies who loved Café Jaffa. In one of those posts, some guy professes his deep appreciation for the pickles that Jaffa thought to put into his sandwich. So, if small slices of bizarrely flavorless pickles in your sandwich floats your boat, neat. We felt they were a bit more thrust upon us than anything else. Perhaps it was just in the wake of the pickles all over a garden side salad that the barrage of pickle in the grape leaf sandwich seemed so uncalled for, but maybe that's just us. But don't let us be the ones to dissuade you if pickles are your thing. Worry not, you can get an extra side of pickles. The question is, exactly how many pickles come for \$3.50 an order?

Well, having learned our lesson, we're not going Back to the Bay for our Middle East cravings. Had it not been for monsoon season last week, we would have trucked ourselves out to Watertown for some great Lebanese, or any of the other viable options in the greater Boston. This week, our plans were thwarted, and dark clouds shrouded us all the way to Jaffa.

Café Jaffa is at 48 Gloucester St. It is open 11 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; and noon to 10 p.m. Sundays.

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TV REVIEW

## 'New Amsterdam' explores ups and downs of immortality

BY CATHERINE SCOTT  
Daily Editorial Board

Amidst the drivel that has been gracing TV screens in the last few months comes an original, refreshing new show called "New

**New Amsterdam**

★★★★☆

Starring **Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Zuleikha Robinson, Alexie Gilmore**

Airs **Mondays at 9 p.m. on FOX**

Amsterdam." Showing Monday nights at 9 p.m. on FOX, "Amsterdam" centers on homicide detective John Amsterdam, a man with many secrets and an even bigger trick up his sleeve: immortality. During a raid on a Native American village in the 1600s, Amsterdam gives up his life to save a young girl from his own brutal men. She then resurrects him with some sort of ancient Native American spell, promising a life of eternal youth and immortality until he finds his one true love.

The plot then flashes forward to the present day as the audience sees a suave, if cynical, John Amsterdam who is still living in present-day New York City. He has taken pictures yearly of the city as it grew from the colony of New Amsterdam to that of the mighty New York City of today. The pilot ends with an incredibly cool run-through of the buildings of Times Square, starting out with just a dirt road and some buildings and evolving into the massive stream of buildings, lights and billboards almost anyone can recognize.

Nikolaj Coster-Waldau plays John Amsterdam, and with his good looks and old-school charm, it is incredibly easy to fall into the show. His portrayal of a lonely man obsessed with death is impeccable, especially since one can sense his isolation and cynicism from the first few minutes of the pilot episode. While investigating a murder case, Amsterdam chases a suspect into the



Coster-Waldau and Robinson play homicide detectives in the new show "New Amsterdam."

subway, only to experience a nonfatal heart attack.

He later comes back to life in the morgue and realizes that the only possible cause of his near-death experience is that his soul mate was nearby in the subway. He obtains a video camera of the subway that day (after solving the mystery, of course) and begins his search for the love of his life so that he too can experience death like the rest of humanity.

While the acting and storytelling are both superb, involving flashbacks and mysterious homicide cases, the themes of the show may be a little too heavy for today's audiences. Amsterdam wrestles with the gift of immortality and his ability to see the world as it grows and flourishes — as well as having all the time he needs to explore different career paths, marriages, children and lovers, while having to deal with the pain that comes with the death of everyone he loves. The show asks whether it would be better to live one life and eventually die or live an infinite number of lives but have to face the eternity without loved ones. And judging by the pain Amsterdam feels, the show evidently suggests the former is the better option.

Another tricky theme is that of love and soul mates. Is there really one person for each of us, or are there multiple possibilities of love, each no better than the other? Also, if there is one person for each of us, what if those two people never meet? Couldn't it then be said that because two people never met, they clearly weren't meant for each other? The fact that it has taken John Amsterdam nearly 400 years to find the love of his life (and the audience still doesn't know whether she is out there) does not bode well for the romantic notion of soul mates and true love.

Still, this show is worth a look because of its smart and unique premise, as well as the mystery surrounding John Amsterdam and his past. The show reveals his past one piece at a time, much like "Lost," only there's one person to focus on instead of 15. Whether or not the show will be able to stay on the networks after the regular television shows air again has yet to be seen, but as there is nothing like it on FOX, and quite honestly, the rest of cable television, it seems likely that "New Amsterdam" will stick around for a little while longer.

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## EDITORIAL

## Endowment mandates are misguided

The U.S. Senate Finance Committee has proposed legislation that would require colleges to spend five percent of their endowments annually.

Universities, colleges and private foundations all receive a tax exemption; however, private foundations are required to spend five percent of their endowments annually to maintain this exemption while universities and colleges are not.

Even though tuition costs are rising faster than the rates of inflation and family income, the mandated five-percent solution is overly simplistic and may ultimately do more harm than good.

In a letter in response to a Finance Committee inquiry University President Lawrence Bacow explained some of the reasons why the spending requirement is unfeasible.

For one, college and university endowments are different from those of private foundations. "Foundations can analyze their endowment yearly and adjust to market conditions, but colleges must maintain a large operating budget," Bacow wrote.

Furthermore, according to Bacow endowment funds are often earmarked for certain areas of spending by the donors themselves and cannot be shifted

to reducing tuition costs and increasing financial aid without breaking contracts.

In a recent article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Sandy Baum, the College Board and Skidmore College economist, was quoted saying that the recent financial aid changes made by Harvard University and Yale University because of the threat of a payment mandate were directed not at the neediest students but at families earning as much as \$180,000 to \$200,000. Terry W. Hartle, the lead lobbyist for the American Council on Education, explained how Yale's changes could have the perverse effect of forcing less-wealthy institutions to redirect their own resources toward competing with the top institutions for middle- and upper-income students.

For these reasons and more the mandated payouts appear to not be as beneficial to students as lawmakers would hope.

At the same time, however, Congress should be commended for looking into the use and investment of university endowments. Even if no legislation is passed, the attention paid to how colleges use their endowments to help students — particularly low-income students — is welcome.

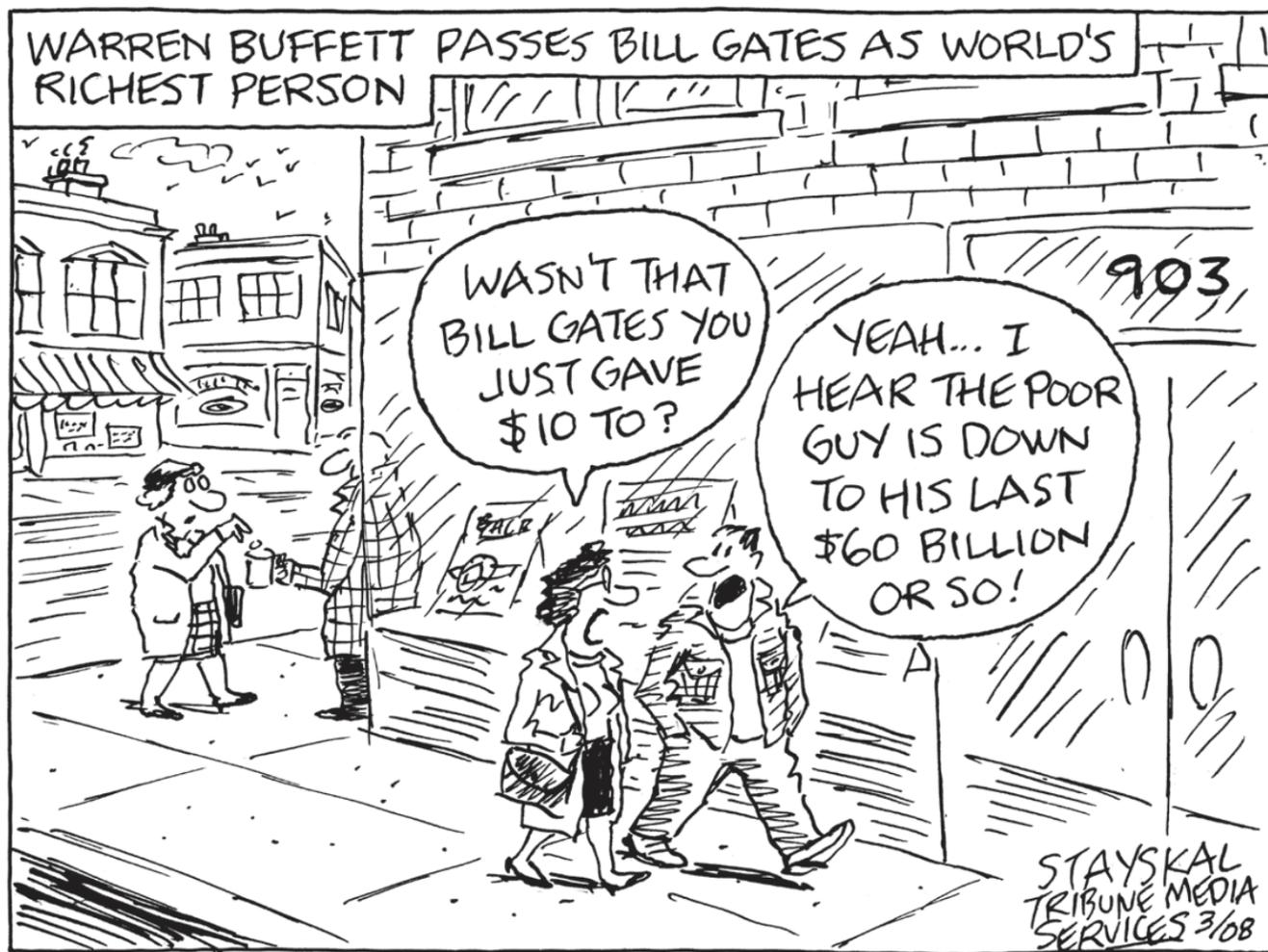
The fact remains that tuition costs have

ballooned while endowments and the salaries of university presidents have risen as well. Higher education is not big business and Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) is right to note that "the purposes of colleges are teaching, education and research, and...the money ought to be used for that purpose and that college endowments should not be a storehouse of funds."

Tuition costs at Tufts have increased by \$16,043 since 1999, a 52 percent increase. To its credit, Tufts has also worked to increase its tuition assistance as its endowment has increased. University spending on tuition assistance has more than doubled over the last ten years, increasing to \$42 million this year.

Even so, the disproportionate rise in the cost of a college education relative to inflation and income growth places an unacceptable burden on students and their families. Colleges and universities should work to lower these costs immediately so that both present and future students can have access to an affordable education. For this reason, Congress should be applauded for investigating how endowments are spent but cautioned against wading in and oversimplifying a complicated process.

## WAYNE STAYSKAL



## OFF THE HILL | CORNELL UNIVERSITY

## A betrayal of trust

It's a tragic day for New York. Eliot Spitzer, the once-revered Governor of this state, has been linked to, and has subsequently apologized for, being involved in a prostitution ring. Like most people across New York State, we are shocked and disappointed.

Eliot Spitzer was once the straight-arrow reformer who voters believed would be New York's best shot at washing away the complacency and nepotism of the state government. Under the banner of change and iron-clad ethics, Spitzer was elected with the vote and trust of nearly 70 percent of New York residents. We had so much faith.

After all, Spitzer was the man who showed us that no one was so powerful as to be above the law, and no one so weak that they were not under the law's protection. As a young assistant district attorney, he led investigations that took down major operations of the Gambino crime family. As New York's attorney gen-

eral, he exposed and prosecuted corruption on Wall Street at a time when millions of Americans were being affected by the greed of corporations like Enron. As governor, he often took unpopular but principled stands to secure abortion rights, allow illegal immigrants to get driver's licenses and provide funding for the state's most impoverished public schools. Today, his reputation has been destroyed, not by his enemies, but by his own action.

That Spitzer broke the law is saddening, but perhaps more disappointing is his apparent hypocrisy. As attorney general, Spitzer took the lead in combating prostitution, and made it abundantly clear that he took a personal interest in prosecuting the cases of New York prostitution rings. The business of prostitution, Spitzer told this state, was not something he was prepared to tolerate. Sadly, the governor

could not conform his personal life to the position he has staked in the public.

New Yorkers have lost their trust and faith in Governor Spitzer. We had high hopes and expectations for someone who dedicated so much of his life to the pursuit of justice and the rule of law, but Spitzer has forfeited much of our esteem.

In the next few days, the governor should think hard about whether he can still govern effectively after letting down so many New Yorkers. Not only did Spitzer break the law, he behaved in a manner contrary to the values, leadership and experience that once made him an attractive gubernatorial candidate and a respected state governor. If these allegations prove true, Spitzer must resign his position as governor of this state. Only then can New Yorkers put this sad episode behind them, and begin to regain their trust in the political process.



ANNIE WERMIEL/TUFTS DAILY

## Illegal immigration has got to stop

BY DANIEL HARTMAN

The United States is a nation of laws. When government leaders do not enforce those laws, we begin to see the breakdown of our republic. This is the simplest, most basic and clearest argument against the practice of illegal immigration, which occurs more than three thousand times a day in America.

Last night, the Tufts Republicans, along with Young America's Foundation, were proud to sponsor the honorable Bay Buchanan, former treasurer of the United States, former presidential campaign adviser to Gov. Mitt Romney and Rep. Tom Tancredo and noted Republican strategist. She brought to light the different issues that the crisis of illegal immigration has introduced to America, including the serious national security, economic and social effects.

It is very important to point out that this is not an attack on legal immigration. In fact, immigrants provide perspective, culture and skills that many value in the United States, and they help contribute to the "melting pot" that many use to reference America and its greatness. However, we have reached a point where immigration is so out of control that, according to some estimates, we have 13 to 20 million illegal aliens living in the country today. Due to the extreme lack of control in immigration laws, these new immigrants do not get the chance to assimilate into American culture as many of their immigrant predecessors were able to. And for that reason, not only are we shortchanging Americans, but we're shortchanging the immigrants as well.

This is not an attack on any one particular culture or language, for the rule of law is blind to issues of the sort. Whether people flooding in illegally are speaking French, Portuguese, Spanish or English, the fact is that they are still breaking the law and must therefore be beholden to it.

Along with the social impact of the lack of assimilation, the country faces very serious economic costs because of illegal immigration. According to the Federation for American Immigration Reform, American taxpayers provide \$36 billion a year for illegal aliens in the form of public primary and secondary education, emergency room care and imprisonment alone. Furthermore, for those proponents of minimum wage laws, illegal aliens are not required to be covered under such

laws, and as a result are undermining legal workers who deserve the higher pay guaranteed by the government. Unless our elected officials take notice of these economic problems, there will be no reason for those illegal aliens to stop sneaking into our country.

Most importantly, however, are the national security implications of illegal immigration. Much of the United States' border laws are in place so that we know who is coming into the country before they enter. Sept. 11 changed how Americans look at the security of our nation and induced the creation of the Department of Homeland Security and the Patriot Act. However, it was not accompanied by a movement to secure our nation's porous borders.

It seems that if it's worth going through the trouble of analyzing the patterns of library books and wiretapping phones, then it would certainly be worth the trouble to put up a fence or secure the border in another fashion. It is because of this that Americans have become fed up with not only the Democratic leadership's position on this, but also with the inability of the Republicans, the party of security, to develop a consensus on an issue that poses an imminent security threat to our citizens.

Washington insiders should have realized they were wrong on immigration with the proposal of the Z-visa in 2007's McCain-Kennedy Immigration bill. This bill would secure the border, but would also take steps to provide all illegal aliens in America (with the exception of criminals) a path to citizenship, under the stipulation that they learn English, pay taxes and pay a fine. This is a form of amnesty because it is giving benefits to those who broke the law over those who are legally awaiting approval to enter the United States. Regardless of the stipulations, it allows the illegals to remain in the United States rather than being made to return to their home country before becoming legal.

The McCain-Kennedy bill received the approval of senators across the political spectrum, but more than 70 percent of Americans disapproved of the amnesty measure. Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) has finally seen the light on this issue and is calling for securing our borders first.

Unfortunately, the Democratic Party hasn't seen that light. They want to increase the number of benefits for illegal aliens. For example, Massachusetts

Governor Deval Patrick wants to provide illegal aliens with the in-state tuition benefits of legal taxpayers and New York Governor Eliot Spitzer supports providing illegal aliens with driver's licenses. Both Democratic candidates for President, Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) and Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.), state that the immigration problem must be solved "comprehensively." We already tried that with McCain-Kennedy, and Americans rejected it. The Democrats would be wise to recognize illegal immigration for the problem it is and secure the border first.

So what are the solutions after we secure the border? In his 2008 run for the Republican presidential nomination, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney campaigned against the magnets pulling in illegal aliens. Put simply, American job opportunities are greater than those provided in Mexico, and American businesses are taking advantage of the cheap labor. The solution is to implement an employer verification system.

Under a verification system, every citizen and legal immigrant in the United States would receive a tamper-proof ID card with bio-metric information and an identification number. An employer would have to verify the legal status of its interviewees before being allowed to hire them. Of course, this would have to accompany a commitment by the American government to enforce such a system, and enforce it with serious fines and consequences.

While a similar system is currently in place, CNN's Lou Dobbs reported that in 2004, only three employers were fined for hiring illegal aliens to work for them; that number is pathetic. Our government has truly been abysmal in its inability to get anything done about this serious issue.

There are also other proposals to solve America's immigration crisis. Those proposals and counterproposals were discussed last night with the Tufts Republicans, but hope the discussion does not stop there. We enthusiastically invite the Tufts community to ask questions and promote open dialogue on the issue.

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### DAVE ADAMS | CYNICISM PERSONIFIED



#### New sins? No thanks

The Catholic Church recently announced the addition of several new sins to an already hefty list.

These offenses include using drugs, polluting, engaging in social and economic injustice and experimenting with genetic manipulation. Pope Benedict, you have got a lot of cajones to announce this.

I find these proclamations to be a bit hypocritical and a bit more laughable. People get upset with legislating from a judicial bench — how about legislating from the pulpit? The fact is, except for genetic manipulation, the Catholic Church has engaged in each of these "sins," and if they are indeed retroactive, they should burn for it.

Let's start with drugs. According to the Vatican, these drugs "weaken the mind and obscure intelligence," and should be avoided. The easy one first: Wine is regularly used in Catholic ceremonies as the blood of Christ, and wine certainly weakens the mind and obscures intelligence. I live on a college campus — I know precisely how much intelligence is obscured on a Saturday night. I take it that already illegal drugs like marijuana, cocaine, ecstasy, etc. are out, but what about legitimate medical drugs (besides marijuana)? Painkillers would be off the list because of their intoxicating effects. The same would go for antidepressants.

And of course, what about brainwashing? Not a traditional drug, but filling the minds of the faithful with false hope and bogus stories certainly weakens and obscures. Arguing that drug use is a sin because it weakens the mind and obscures intelligence leaves a precedent for the Church to ban The Simple Life and Chuck E. Cheese. Oh, and if we're banning intelligence-obscuring organizations, the Church is out as well.

Next, polluting. I don't have a real issue with this, but I don't understand why it's a sin. After all, polluting doesn't really involve religion per se. I have no major issues, but I just don't see it as a top priority for a religious organization.

Social and economic injustice. Hypocrisy-laden. Let's start with social injustice. How does a group with members who have committed absurd amounts of child molestation, that supports discrimination against homosexuals and in the past has caused the death of millions of people even talk about social injustice? It just doesn't sit right with me. The Malleus Maleficarum was a book published by the Catholic Church on how to hunt down and mercilessly murder freethinking women. Sounds fair and just to me.

Economic injustice? The Church has more money than Paris Hilton, mostly in priceless artworks and relics, and various items they nicked over the past few centuries. If the Church believes in economic justice, then why is the Catholic Church notorious for extorting peasants and hoarding power? They have a pretty bad track record and it's shocking that they would come out and say something like that.

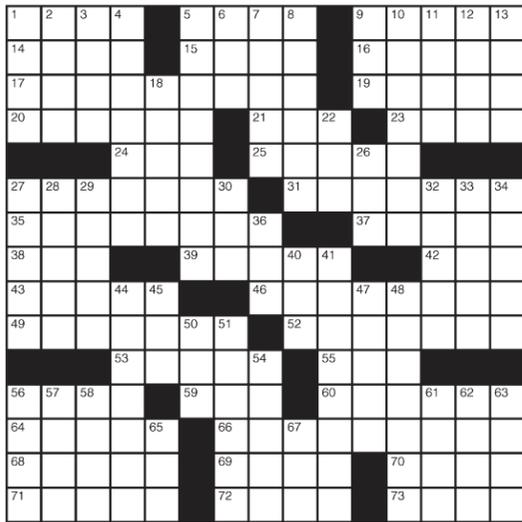
Experimenting with genetic manipulation. I doubt that they have ever tried it, but I don't think this should be a sin. After all, modern medicine is based on experimentation. If we limit what our scientists and researchers can do, who knows what life-saving cures or breakthrough medicines could be left undiscovered.

To be fair, I have no problem with people of faith. I think that people should be allowed to worship who they want and how they want. But I don't believe that people should be handed down a set of morals from an authority, especially if that authority isn't even divine. I believe that everyone must find their own spirituality, and live by their own set of values. The Church's hierarchal system of command-and-control worship is an anachronism in a modern world, and it would benefit from enlightening itself.

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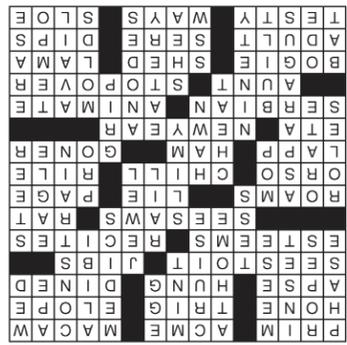
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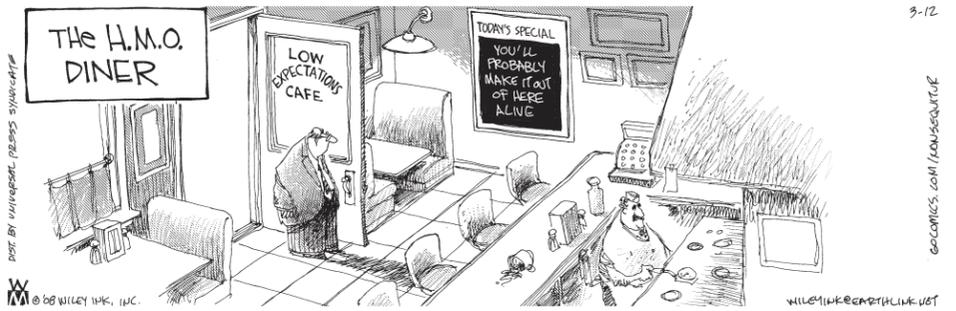
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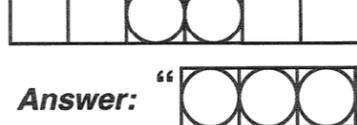
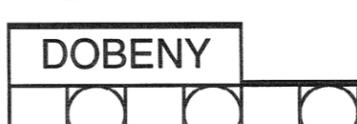
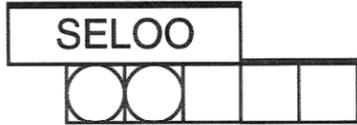
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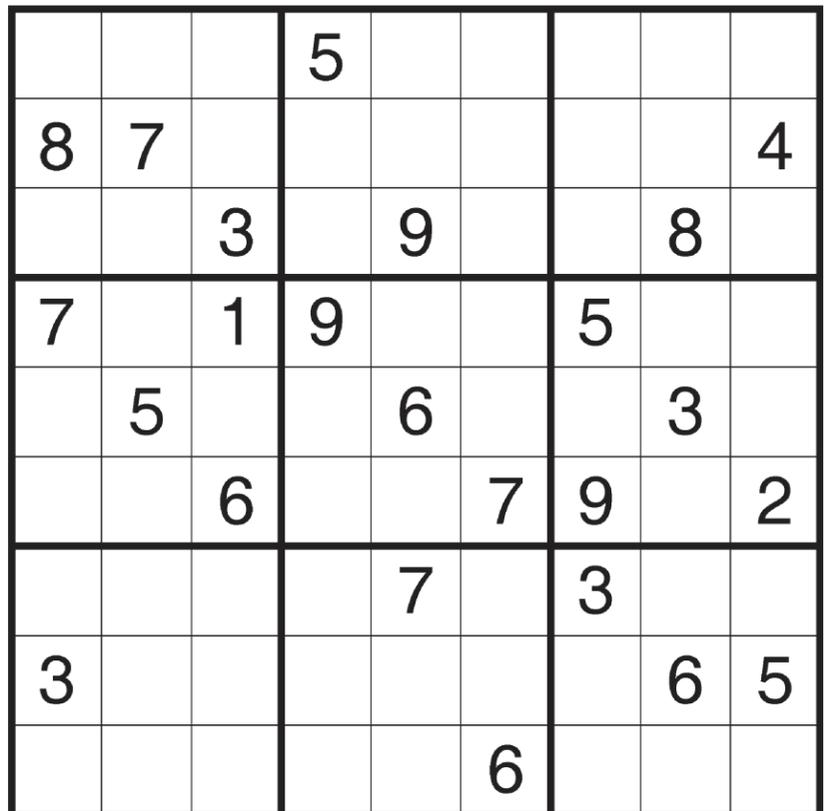
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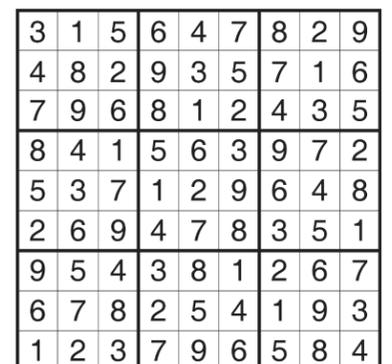
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# ASU, Oregon eye Pac-10 Tournament with a chance to pad NCAA résumés

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conference bubble partners, is marred by a very weak non-conference schedule, a very important aspect of the selection criteria. Miami can make up for its cupcake ways with a couple of wins in Charlotte later this week.

In the Big East, two traditional powers will need to bring their A games to the tournament in Madison Square Garden. First, Jim Boeheim's **Syracuse Orange** played themselves onto the bubble by going 1-5 over a stretch in the middle of conference play. Since then, though, the Orange have won two straight, including an impressive home win over the **Marquette Golden Eagles**. Syracuse (19-12, 9-9) must sustain

its late-season momentum this week in order to have any chance of dancing.

Syracuse's biggest in-conference competition for an NCAA bid will be Jay Wright's **Villanova Wildcats**, also 9-9 in the conference. The Wildcats are in contention for a bid despite a five-game losing streak that included losses to the lowly **Rutgers Scarlet Knights** and the **St. John's Red Storm**.

The Wildcats managed to win five of their final seven games, including a clutch home victory over the very tough **Connecticut Huskies**. Once again, performance in the conference tournament will either solidify a bid or guarantee a spot in the NIT.

And as if the situation weren't intense

enough, Villanova and Syracuse meet today at noon to open up the conference tourney, meaning the loser of this game will almost certainly see its bubble pop at the final buzzer.

Out in the Pac-10, there is a remarkably similar situation. The **Arizona State Sun Devils** and the **Oregon Ducks** both find themselves with 9-9 records at the end of conference play. ASU, 19-11 overall, had a five-game losing streak of its own earlier in the year but managed to regain some momentum toward the end of the season.

Still, despite a victory over the **Stanford Cardinal** and a road win against the **Arizona Wildcats**, coach Herb Sendek's Sun Devils will need a very impressive showing at the Pac-10 tournament in Los

Angeles, Calif.

In Eugene, the Ducks are hoping for the Sun Devils to falter early. Oregon rides a three-game winning streak, including a 67-61 home win over ASU. Tomorrow night, Oregon squares off with the **Washington State Cougars**, who have remained a top-25 team all year. If the Ducks get past WSU, their shaky status should improve to lock.

No matter the results of this week's conference tournaments, it is guaranteed that the makeup of the NCAA Tournament is still greatly undetermined. For those on the bubble, the next few days are the most important stretch of the season. For many teams, the mentality must be that of the single-bid old days: Simply win and get in.

# Williams up next for Jumbos

## MEN'S LAX

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intensity. They were hungrier than us early on."

With only one day of practice to prepare for a team that they had handled easily over the past few years, and coming off of a convincing effort on Saturday against Skidmore, there was worry that the Jumbos might take the Warriors lightly on Tuesday. While their early efforts confirmed those worries, the team responded well enough late in the game to prevent the Warriors from dashing their early-season hopes of going undefeated.

"I think that was definitely a part of it," Daly said. "It would've been a sin if we had lost this one today. I'm glad we got the win, but it would've been awful if we had lost, and it would've been a reflection on the coaching staff. We definitely still have a lot to work on."

The Jumbos now look forward to the Williams College Ephs (0-1),

who are coming to Bello Field on Saturday. Despite yesterday's close contest against an Eastern Connecticut squad that the Jumbos were supposed to beat according to the national rankings, the team's goals for the rest of the season remain lofty.

"We play Eastern Connecticut because we have a lot of respect for them as tough competitors," Daly said. "Those are the types of teams that we want to be playing. It will pay dividends as we move into the start of the league schedule this weekend [against Williams]."

"As long we keep playing as a team, we will continue to improve and we can do whatever we want this year," Hessler added. "We have a lot of potential and it's all a matter of working together as a team. Even though this wasn't a pretty win, it still counts. It's a big stepping stone for us and we need games like these sometimes to remain humble."

# Young Jumbos show potential

## WOMEN'S SQUASH

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solid experience at the top of the ladder in her 23-41 career at Tufts, with a feisty never-give-up style of play on the court.

"Victoria is aggressive and can take the challenge, she can run with anyone," Eng said. "She can bring more success next season if she attacks the ball a bit more."

The sophomore class holds two of the top ladder competitors, Marx and Laura Curren. Marx has a career record of 22-23 with strong tournament experience under her belt. Curren made the decision this season to join the team, and her high school experience gave her the chance to prove her strength

in the top three ladder positions, posting a 6-12 season record.

Freshman Valerie Koo had a noteworthy rookie season. Koo mostly played in the No. 5 position and had a breakout performance against Bowdoin to clinch a historic 5-4 win. Koo holds the best individual record this season with 12 wins and nine losses.

"I'm really excited to see how the team does next year because looking at the progress made this season, I see so much potential in all the girls," Rice said. "Everyone really made strides throughout the course of the season. The enthusiasm level is so high it will help carry over into next year's pre-season and season."



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## DAILY DIGITS

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Double-digit scorers on either team in the women's basketball team's second-round NCAA Tournament win over Mount St. Mary College Saturday. Despite not having a breakout offensive performance, the Jumbos still managed to handle the Blue Knights 54-38 to advance to the Sweet Sixteen this weekend, where they'll take on Mary Washington at Messiah College.

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Combined members of the men's and women's track and field squads heading to the NCAA Div. III National Championships this weekend at Ohio Northern University. For the men, senior quad-captains Dan Marcy (triple jump) and Dave Sorensen (mile run) and junior James Bradley (high jump) all qualified, while senior co-captains Cat Beck (mile, DMR) and Kaleigh Fitzpatrick (400 m, DMR), classmate Katy O'Brien (mile, DMR), sophomore Logan Crane (55 m) and freshman Stephanie McNamara (DMR) will represent the women.

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Combined games to be played by Tufts' spring sports teams over the upcoming break. Softball has 12 games between March 15 and the 23rd, followed by baseball with 10, women's tennis with four, and men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, and men's tennis all competing in three contests.

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Combined Grand Slam men's tennis titles between current world No. 1 Roger Federer and former No. 1 Pete Sampras, who played one another in a thrilling exhibition match Monday in Madison Square Garden. The Swiss superstar barely edged the retired American, who is 10 years Federer's senior, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (6) to win the match.

51.9

Seconds replayed by the Hawks and the Heat Saturday in order to officially complete a game that started on Dec. 19. The Atlanta stat crew accidentally scored then-Heat center Shaquille O'Neal as having six fouls instead of five to send him off the floor. After initially completing the game that day, the NBA ruled to replay the ending of the game from the moment of that error, namely, with under a minute left in the first OT. The final official tally Saturday gave the Hawks the win 114-111 over the Heat.

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Number of Tar Heels to have had their jerseys retired after playing for the men's basketball team. After being named national player of the year by Sporting News yesterday, junior forward Tyler Hansbrough became the eighth member of this elite club, the first UNC player since Antawn Jamison in 1998 to merit the honor.

## INSIDE WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## UConn, Tennessee, UNC take home conference championships

BY AARON FRANKEL  
Daily Staff Writer

With Sunday's much-anticipated rematch of the **LSU Tigers** and the **Tennessee Lady Volunteers** in the SEC title game, a great deal of the attention in the women's basketball world was focused on the battle between these title contenders. Yet elsewhere, with conference tournaments wrapping up, this past weekend and the upcoming few days will make for huge moving and shaking all across Div. I women's basketball.

In a game that featured two probable first-team All-Americans, Tennessee's Candace Parker and LSU's Sylvia Fowles, the Lady Vols simply out-muscled the Tigers in an extremely physical contest and prevailed 61-55. As the lead changed 16 times, the SEC title bout was, for the entire 40 minutes, anybody's contest.

In the end, however, it was Parker, the junior forward, who proved to be too much for LSU. She led all scorers with 28 points and was the only player to stay on the floor for the entire game. With 10 points in the final 10 minutes, Parker did not necessarily take over, but she scored enough to keep LSU at bay. Fowles chipped in with 19 points and 10 rebounds to pace the Tigers in both categories.

A day after the **Duke Blue Devils** notched a double-digit victory over the No. 5 **Maryland Terrapins** in the ACC Tournament semifinal Saturday, the Blue Devils found themselves overmatched by a **North Carolina Tar Heels** team that was simply too much to handle. With the win, UNC secured a season sweep of the Blue Devils and became the first team in women's ACC history to go undefeated in conference play and win the conference tournament in the same season.

Duke greatly improved its bracket stock with the semifinal win over the Terps, as it finally gave the selection committee a legitimate win to ensure a high seed come the Big Dance. With the loss, Maryland most likely gave up its shot at a No. 1 seed, as North Carolina has all but locked one up and the ACC is not strong enough this year to warrant two of the top four selections.

As for the remaining No. 1 seeds, Tennessee and the **Connecticut Huskies** have certainly earned two, while the **Stanford Cardinal** appear to have the best chance of capturing the final spot. The Cardinal have emerged from the Pac-10 as the undisputed best team

on the West Coast, climbing all the way to No. 4 in the AP Top 25 and proving themselves title contenders.

Behind 30 points from superstar Candace Wiggins, Stanford dismantled the **Cal Lady Bears** 56-35 in the Pac-10 title game Monday. The Bears appear headed for trouble in the NCAA Tournament, as the No. 9 squad played a very easy season schedule and was beaten by Stanford three times throughout the year.

Outside of the Top 10, the **Marist Red Foxes** are making serious mid-major noise out of the MAAC conference. The team has won 21 games in a row, including its conference tournament, and posted an incredible 18-0 conference record to move into No. 21 in the AP Top 25. Marist's 30-win season puts them in exclusive company; only UConn, North Carolina, Tennessee, Stanford and Maryland reached that plateau this season.

Ditto for the **Louisville Cardinals**, except for the fact that their noise is emanating from the powerful Big East. With their 57-56 upset victory over the **Rutgers Scarlet Knights** in the quarterfinals and 67-60 semifinal win over the **West Virginia Mountaineers**, Louisville not only punched its ticket to the tourney, but they now pose a potential threat to the top seeds in whichever region they end up.

Powered in the Big East Tournament by junior Angel McCoughtry, who has scored at least 20 points in every tournament game, Louisville met UConn, arguably the top women's basketball team of the year thus far, in last night's Big East final but couldn't pull through with the upset, falling 65-59.

Rutgers, like Maryland, lost its chance at a No. 1 seed this weekend. The Louisville loss was the Scarlet Knights' sixth of the season, dropping them out of the AP poll's Top 5 for the first time in three weeks.

Their 14-2 conference record almost assures them a second seed, but the Knights are no longer on the committee's short list for a top seed.

For the first time since the season began, however, a short list can actually be created. Going into the tournament, UConn, North Carolina and Tennessee are clearly a cut above the rest of the nation.

Not only did all three notch 30 wins, but they all have a strong schedule that has thoroughly prepared them for postseason play. With Stanford as the probable fourth wheel, it looks as if there won't be too many surprises when the field is announced on Sunday.

## INSIDE MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## The bracket-busting continues

BY BEN WALDRON  
Daily Staff Writer

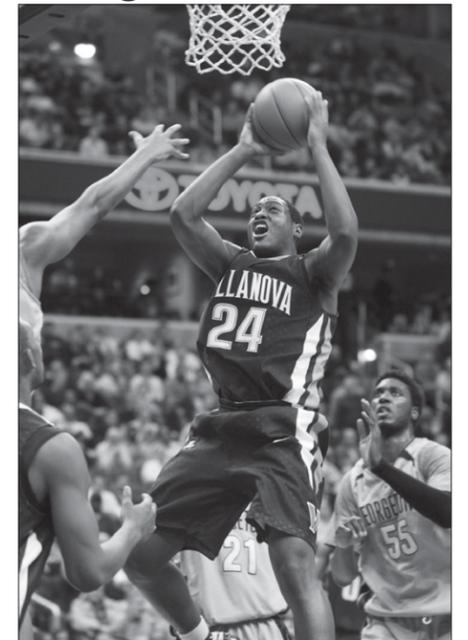
ESPN analyst Joe Lunardi can say what he wants, but the first time college basketball fans will have any real idea of what the NCAA Tournament bracket will look like will be moments before it's officially announced, once all the conference tournaments have ended.

For bubble teams and locks alike, conference tourneys play a huge role in determining a team's March fortunes. For those on the outside looking in, a few wins this week can solidify a bid, while those toward the top of the polls could experience a nosedive that might bring about an unexpectedly bad seed.

In the ACC, the **Maryland Terrapins** haven't been doing themselves any favors lately. Once 7-4 in league play, the Terps have lost four of their last five, including a heartbreaker to the **Clemson Tigers** last week in which they blew a 20-point, second-half lead at home in College Park.

For Maryland (18-13, 8-8), a team firmly planted on a shrinking bubble, the conference tournament in Charlotte, N.C. represents a last chance to make a good impression on the tournament-selection committee. With a couple wins this weekend, coach Gary Williams' squad has a decent shot at dancing.

If Maryland gets in, it will be bad news for two other ACC bubble teams: the **Virginia Tech Hokies** and the **Miami Hurricanes**. The Hokies, who finished fourth in the league at 9-7, are hoping the selection committee ascribes to this year's conventional wisdom that the ACC is a four-bid league. VT's cause was hurt by Sunday's loss to Clemson, another game that saw the Tigers overcome a deficit late.



MCT  
Villanova guard Corey Stokes puts up a short jumper in the Wildcats' loss to the Georgetown Hoyas on Feb. 11.

In order to be safely off the bubble, the Hokies will have to avoid losing their quarterfinal game this week against the winner of Miami and the **N.C. State Wolfpack**. Otherwise, there may be disappointment in Blacksburg on selection Sunday.

Meanwhile the 'Canes are hoping their February win over the **Duke Blue Devils** will be enough to make up for an 8-8 conference record. Their 21-9 overall record, which is better looking than that of their

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WOMEN'S SQUASH SEASON RECAP

# Trip to Kurtz Cup highlights 2006-07 season

BY MEGHAN BECQUE  
Senior Staff Writer

Rating a team's success proves difficult when it comes to women's college squash. Nationally it's a very small sport, meaning that all programs compete in one division, eschewing the traditional three-tier system found in other NCAA sports.

While the Jumbos' final season tally ended at 9-12, what is not readily apparent is their unprecedented six-game winning string, their peak at No. 12 in the College Squash Association (CSA) rankings or their large leap in the standings from last season.

"I think in every sport you have to look at the overall rankings," coach Doug Eng said. "The NESCAC in any sport is going to be very tough; other Div. III conferences are much weaker. Anytime you can break .500 in the NESCAC, it's a good season. Also, if we can finish in the second [B] division it's a good season for us."

The end of the 2006-2007 campaign saw Tufts finish No. 23 nationally, posting an 8-16 record. This year Tufts made the biggest ranking jump of any team in the top 20, from No. 23 to No. 16.

One of the goals the Jumbos envisioned earlier in the season was placement in the once-elusive B division, also known as the Kurtz Cup, of the national championships. After a dispute between Tufts and Amherst as to who was No. 16 and who was No. 17, the Jumbos eventually pulled away with No. 16 and the final spot in the Kurtz Cup.

Tufts ended up posting losses to Williams, Bowdoin and Hamilton, but maintained its No. 16 standing.

Eng said the Tufts squash team faced a number of disadvantages against programs above them on the national ladder, especially in terms of physical size, facilities and the quality of opponents.

"It's a small sport and we're competing against the Ivy [League] and teams like Stanford and Trinity," Eng said. "You take those 11 teams out and we finish fifth out of the more human teams. We could get a much better record if we played more of these teams. Some teams do that, like Wellesley, and its reflected in their 11-3 record, but it makes us stronger."

The finish in the Kurtz Division also granted Tufts two bids to the CSA Individual Championships, awarded to senior co-captain Rebecca Rice and sophomore Stefanie Marx, who played at the No. 1 and No. 3 spots respectively throughout the season. Rice competed for her third time at the annual season-ending competition but fell in her first-round contest and again in her consolation round, both in straight games.



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The women's squash team finished up its season at an impressive 16th in the final College Squash Association rankings, allowing the Jumbos to compete in the Kurtz Cup at the end-of-year tournament.

Rice wrapped up her Tufts career at 25-45 over three-and-a-half seasons, as she studied abroad in her junior year. She began her career playing at No. 3 before bumping up to the No. 2 slot for the remainder of her freshman year, going 9-11. In her sophomore year Rice became the consistent No. 1 player, posting a 9-15 record.

"She's had a very solid career; this year she has shown great leadership," Eng said. "When she's playing well, she handles the No. 1 very well. She's progressed along. She's contributed a lot to the team in this year and the years before."

This season Rice also took on the role of captain with senior Micela Leis, adding a needed refreshing and more intense style of leadership.

"[Rice] is hardcore and more intense than past captains and the team responded very well to that," Eng said. "This year's team was young and fit well with this type of leadership."

"Rebecca and Micela were amazing captains," freshman Allie Dempsey added. "I felt like the team really became a unified group instead of just a bunch of girls of different ages. Their attitudes were always positive, even when we were facing opponents of much greater strength. With them, victory was always an attainable goal, and I think they really inspired everyone to give it their all on court and play their hardest."

Leis will also graduate this spring after a stellar 30-39 career. She has steadily moved up in the ladder over her career at Tufts, beginning as a No. 9 player her freshman year and playing as high as No. 5 this season.

Despite losing their co-captains, the Jumbos will bring a promising roster into next season. Junior Victoria Barba may step into Rice's shoes as she has held the No. 2 position for most of the season. Barba has

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## Who's afraid of LeBron?

Back in the day, I remember growing up with a lot of common childhood fears.

Thunderstorms, the dark, monsters under the bed — you name it, it probably terrified me to my very core at one point or another. I'm happy that I'm old enough now to look back on how silly I was.

I've learned my lesson. I have my priorities straight now. When I have children, I'm raising them to have just one fear in life. That fear's name is LeBron James.

LeBron has impressed me since he was 18. Watching clips of him on SportsCenter when he played high school ball at St. Vincent-St. Mary was dazzling enough. The athleticism, the intensity, the highlight-reel dunks — from the start, he put on a show. And in five years since, he's only gotten better. And better, and better.

But what's happened over the past two weeks is just unreal.

On Monday night, King James posted 24 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists to lead the Cavaliers past Portland. It was the 17th triple-double of his career. He's twenty-freaking-three years old.

The 24-point outing was LeBron's lowest so far this March. He started off his month by dropping 37 on the Bulls, 50 on the Knicks, 39 on the Bulls again and 38 on the Pacers. This month, he's averaging 38 points and eight rebounds a night. He's topped the 20-point mark in 41 straight games.

But those are just numbers (huge, disgusting numbers). Here's the truly scary part: On a night when he single-handedly beat a pretty decent Blazers team — a night that led coach Mike Brown to call him "obviously phenomenal" and teammate Wally Szczerbiak to anoint him "the best basketball player in the world" — LeBron himself answered the endless praise with little more than a shrug.

In his own words — and I swear I'm not making this up; the AP reported this — the verdict was, "As an individual, I didn't feel I played particularly well."

I am downright terrified of what "particularly well" means to this man.

For all the Michael Jordan comparisons that have continued to surround LeBron James over the past five years, the most interesting MJ-LBJ similarity is in their competitive drives. For Jordan, the fire was always evident — from the trash-talking to the tongue-wagging to the scoring-38-points-in-the-NBA-Finals-while-practically-dying-of-the-flu, the signs were all there.

But with LeBron, all you need to do is listen. When the guy drops a triple-double and all he can say is — again, exact quote — "I could have played better," that's cause for alarm.

Just as any successor to His Airness should, LeBron has proven his ability to kick it up a notch in big games. His Game 5 of the Eastern Conference Finals against the Pistons last year — when with the series tied 2-2 and headed back to Detroit, he scored his team's last 25 points and won the game in double OT — will be remembered as one of the greatest postseason performances ever. And after being swept out of the Finals last June, he's only going to be more motivated to do it again.

So as April draws closer and the playoff picture takes focus, what's a fan to do? I'm searching for an answer other than "panic." It's not coming to me.

With the Celtics comfortably atop the Eastern Conference and a soft April schedule waiting, I've been looking ahead to potential playoff matchups. Who's coming to Boston for the second round?

Detroit? Bring it. Beat 'em twice in the regular season; four more would be fun. Orlando? Sure. I'd love nothing more than a week of KG showing up Dwight Howard.

But the Celtics aren't that lucky. If they see either of those teams, chances are it'll be in the conference finals. And before that, there's one little roadblock in the way.

One 23-year-old beast of a roadblock.

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INSIDE THE NESCAC

# Trinity slays top three seeds, wins hockey crown

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Having to contend with the top three teams in the conference, the Trinity men's hockey team had a slim chance of making it to the finals of the NESCAC Tournament, let alone winning it all. As it turned out, a slim chance was all the Bantams needed.

Trinity finished off a miraculous post-season run in the NESCAC Tournament on Sunday by knocking off No. 2 Middlebury by a final score of 3-2 in a double-overtime thriller. It was the Bantams' first conference title since 2003.

Junior forward Joshua Rich scored 7:07 into the second overtime off of assists from senior forward Matthew Crum and junior forward Riley Hicks. Rich wrapped around the net and slid one by Middlebury goalie Ross Cherry, which cleared the Trinity benches as the team rushed the ice in celebration.

"It's a great, great honor," Rich said. "It's tough to put it into words. With the magnitude of the game, being that deep into the second overtime, and the emotion of knocking off a team that's won the NESCAC's seven of the eight years it's been in existence, I'm speechless. To be in that elite [company], the feeling is surreal."

The road to victory was not easy for the Bantams. As the No. 6 seed in the conference, they had to make it through the No. 3 Bowdoin Polar Bears and the No. 1 Colby Mules, both on the road, in order to even have the opportunity to play for the championship. But a 5-2 win over Bowdoin followed by a 2-1 upset of Colby instilled a

confidence in the Bantams that they carried over into the title game.

"It definitely helped a lot having the momentum," said Shawn Donaher, a junior defenseman who has been injured and did not play in the championship. "But the engine of our team was [freshman goalie] Wesley Vesprini between the pipes. Guys were really committed and hopped on board. We got behind [Vesprini], who really stepped up."

"We took it game by game, period by period," Rich added. "We've struggled in consistency this season, but once we got things clicking we showed how good we could be."

Rich was undoubtedly the star of the game, scoring two goals for the Bantams, including the game-winner. He put Trinity on the board 11:56 into the game to tie it at one apiece. His teammate, junior defenseman Chris Powers, also played a huge part in the victory with one unassisted and shorthanded goal in the second period to tie the game up at two, as well as the assist to Rich's first goal.

However, Rich insists that the victories did not come as a result of exceptional individual play.

"Our key to success is that we don't have lots of All-Americans or 20-goal scorers," Rich said. "We've got a group of 29 guys who are all pulling together. It's taken every one of us to get where we're at. We've won these games with a team effort where everyone has pulled their weight and stepped up at different times."

One member of the team who has stepped up huge for the Bantams never actually set foot on the ice: coach Dave Cataruzolo. A 1998

graduate of Bowdoin College, Cataruzolo has been coaching at Trinity for the past decade, spending six years as the associate head coach and several years before that as the forwards coach and recruiting coordinator.

This year was Cataruzolo's first in the head coaching position. He stepped in for Trinity legend John Dunham, who retired at the end of last season after 33 years behind the bench. Needless to say, Cataruzolo had big shoes to fill, and he did so with flying colors.

"Although it's his first year at the helm of the program, he's been instrumental to the team for close to the past decade," Donaher said. "He's been around for a while ... so it's been a smooth transition for him and the team. He's found his own style and identity as a head coach as the season progressed. He really came into his own, figuring out the system and direction he wanted the team to head in."

With the victory, the Bantams earned the NESCAC's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. In its first-round game tonight, Trinity will take on UMass-Dartmouth, the reigning ECAC Northeast Tournament Champions and NCAA quarterfinalists for the past two years.

"UMass-Dartmouth is going to be another hostile environment," Rich said. "We're going to take it 20 minutes at a time. We've got to play physical and have solid defense."

"It's a great accomplishment, and everyone's pumped about the win," Donaher added. "But we have to regroup. We still have the momentum and the positive vibe, but we need to refocus on the first period of our next game."

## MEN'S LACROSSE

## Jumbos outlast Eastern Conn. in double-overtime thriller

BY SCOTT JANES  
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If there were any questions about freshman D.J. Hessler's ability to replace all-NESCAC attack-

**MEN'S LACROSSE**  
**(2-0, 0-0 NESCAC)**  
 at Bello Field, Tuesday

ECSU	2	5	4	1	0	0	-12
Tufts	1	3	2	6	0	1	-13

man Mark Warner, they were answered in the team's 13-12 double-overtime victory over the Eastern Connecticut State Warriors yesterday afternoon.

After posting four goals and two assists in his first collegiate affair against Skidmore on Saturday, Hessler followed up with another stellar performance on Bello Field with three goals and two assists, including the game winner in the second overtime. The performance helped nationally-ranked No. 9 Tufts avoid an upset in its second game of the season and improved the team's record to 2-0.

"D.J. has done a great job of taking advantage of the opportunities given to him by the opponents we've played and he is learning fast," coach Mike Daly said. "He's a smart, talented player, and we're excited that we have him."

Hessler's early success has earned him the respect of his teammates, which is essential when the game is on the line.

"D.J. has been playing really well for us," junior quad-captain Jordan

Yarboro said. "It's especially exciting because it's rare for a freshman to make an immediate impact like he has so far this year. He's been working real well in our system and he's done everything we've asked of him. He's got great vision out there and it shows in his production."

Entering the fourth quarter, the Jumbos found themselves trailing by an 11-6 margin. After a spirited discussion on the sideline between quarters, the team buckled down and took control of the momentum by winning five of eight faceoffs and communicating better on defense.

"The midfield stepped it up in the second half and started to get a lot more ground balls," Yarboro said. "[Freshman Brett Olson and sophomore Mike Drosch] started winning the faceoffs, and we were able to control the ball more. That helped out the defense a lot. It gave us a bit of a breather and allowed us to play better team defense."

It also paid huge dividends on the offensive end, as the team was able to control the ball and have more opportunities to score. Sophomore attackman Patrick Devine ignited the rally with a quick score just 33 seconds into the quarter. In the next four minutes, Devine added two more goals on both sides of a Hessler tally to make it 11-10 in favor of the Warriors with 10:14 left in regulation.

After the Jumbos failed to capitalize any further on the shift in momentum, Warrior attackman Matt Savage put a halt to the rally with a score with 7:00 left in the game. Sophomore midfielder



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Freshman D.J. Hessler scored three goals yesterday against Eastern Connecticut, including the game-winner in double overtime, to lead the Jumbos to a 13-12 victory. The Jumbos are now 2-0 on the season and are scheduled to play their first NESCAC game against Williams on Saturday.

Doug DiSesa responded quickly, however, with a laser left-handed shot to bring the Jumbos back within one at 12-11. Senior quad-captain Brett Holm capped off the rally with a great dodge and score to make it 12-12 with 4:36 left in the game, which proved to be the final goal in regulation.

The two teams clawed their way through the first overtime with high-paced offense and desperate defense, but neither was able to put a shot past either team's goalie. Hessler finished off the improbable comeback by grabbing a loose ball out of a scramble in front of the Warriors' net and put the game winner past Warrior junior goalie Kyle Savage with 1:56 left in the

second overtime.

The outcome wasn't always certain for the Jumbos, as they found themselves down 7-4 at halftime and dug themselves even deeper by giving up four more goals in the third quarter. Despite dominating groundballs 30-23 and shots 35-27 in the first three quarters, Tufts' lack of communication and focus on individual performance rather than working together as a team led to a five-goal deficit.

"I think we just came out flat as a team in the first half," Hessler said. "In the beginning, we were playing like individuals. Once we started riding hard, then the possessions started to go our way and the goals did as well."

"I thought we weren't playing as a team early in the game," Daly added. "There was too much focus on the individual aspects. That led to a lot of opportunities for them early on the offensive end of the field."

On the defensive end of the field, the team struggled to work together and bring the same level of intensity that they brought to the Skidmore College game on Saturday.

"We weren't communicating enough on defense in the first half, and we were breaking down on defense," Yarboro said. "We didn't come out with enough

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## WOMEN'S TENNIS PREVIEW

## Despite thinned roster, Jumbos are confident about spring season

BY TIM JUDSON  
 Daily Editorial Board

The women's tennis team has spent its recent years relentlessly climbing the NCAA Div. III ladder.

Tufts was ranked in the 20s going into fall of 2006, followed by an improvement to No. 15 by the end of spring 2007, and commenced the 2007 fall season at No. 10. Since then, the Jumbos have cracked the top 10 and currently stand as the No. 9 team in Div. III.

Tufts returns most of its key players from the fall, including sophomores Meghan McCooney and Erica Miller, who will most likely be seeded first and second, respectively. Other than that, the lineup is largely undetermined, but three other starters from the fall will help to round out the singles ladder.

However, it will not all be smooth sailing for Tufts, as the spring roster is very small for a tennis team, consisting of just seven players.

Six players are required to play in every match, and the possibility of even minimal injuries to more than one player could have devastating effects for the squad as a whole. The Jumbos, however, are determined to stay healthy and not to let the small numbers affect their performance.

"In the [beginning of the] spring, we had nine, and two players decided to quit the team," coach Kate Bayard said. "There's always that [injury] concern, but we are doing the best we can to take precautions and do good stretch-downs. I am being supersensitive if they seem like they are overdoing it."

While the Jumbos are not currently battling any injuries, freshman and probable second or third singles player Julia Browne is grappling with illness and may not be able to play during the team's spring training trip, which would leave just the minimum six players on the court.

"I'm a little bit nervous because of our small numbers," sophomore co-captain Laura Hoguet said. "We are working hard but being cautious about injuries and doing



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Sophomore co-captain Laura Hoguet will lead a thinned-out women's tennis roster of just seven players this season. The Jumbos will begin adjusting to outdoor courts when they travel to Florida during spring break.

everything we can to prevent them."

In addition to the lack of numbers, Tufts also has two new captains in Hoguet and senior Andrea Cenko to lead a very young team.

"Right now, with the small size of our team we really are focusing on the unity of the seven of us and on team spirit," Hoguet said. "We are an extremely determined and motivated group that is looking forward to a good season. Andrea and I just want to continue

that momentum for the rest of the season."

The team will fly to Florida on Friday for a week of tennis training and competition, where it will face four squads from all three NCAA divisions, three of which they have not faced in recent history.

The trip will include the first NESCAC match of the season as Tufts will face off against Hamilton on March 21, and though Bayard believes the team is prepared, she

admits that there is still some work to be done in terms of acclimating to playing outside.

"In the short term, the focus will be on adjusting to the outdoors," Bayard said. "The advantage of practicing on indoor courts is that they play faster, so the team is getting in position a lot earlier. The biggest challenge moving outdoors is the patience factor. Outdoors, the points will be longer and we'll need to be willing to stay in the points a lot longer. It is not as easy to put the ball away as it is on the indoor surface."

In addition to leaving the friendly confines of the Gantcher Center, the Jumbos will have to adjust to their small size and thus will need to reconfigure their doubles lineups.

With freshmen Hayley and Miranda Young, two of the fall's top doubles players, no longer with the team, other players will need to step up and new pairs will need to learn how to win together. With doubles making up the first awarded three points in a best-of-nine team match, it will be crucial that the Jumbos mesh into a consistent doubles lineup.

"I am focusing a lot on my doubles game," Hoguet said. "We don't even know our doubles partners right now so we are just working on our games, and we will probably be playing with new partners."

Although small and relatively young, the spring team appears to be built on enthusiasm for the sport and determination to succeed. Bayard has met with every player both individually and as a group, and players have formulated long lists of goals and strategies for them to accomplish.

"I always emphasize staying in the moment and going point by point, not allowing them to get ahead of themselves," Bayard said. "I want them to figure out what needs to be done to win an individual point and have on-court awareness, meaning that if something is not working, know how to recognize that, regroup and refocus. I want them to be their own coaches on the court."