

Tufts interested in church property

Archdiocese will be soliciting offers until February for Winthrop Street building

By KEITH BARRY
Daily Editorial Board

The University is in the preliminary phases of a possible purchase of the now-closed Sacred Heart Church at 51 Winthrop St. in Medford from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston.

"It's very much a property that we are interested in at this point," Tufts' Director of Real Property Services Bruce Ketchen said. "I've been in direct contact with the Archdiocese. They know about our interest, and they've encouraged us to make an offer."

The Sacred Heart Church is one of 16 closed church properties that the Archdiocese is selling as part of a reconfiguration process to pay debts stemming from a stock market downturn and the cost of settling clergy abuse cases.

The Archdiocese started

accepting offers for its properties on Nov. 15 and will continue soliciting offers for 90 days.

The Catholic Church does not sell property unless the buyer meets certain guidelines. Sales must also be approved by members of the Church hierarchy, going up as high as the Vatican.

Preference is given to other religious organizations, charities and non-profit entities. "Each decision will be based on the many factors, including proposed property used, price and contingencies," Archdiocesan Chancellor David Smith said in a press release.

If the church were sold to Tufts, it would not be the first transaction between the University and the Archdiocese. The Church sold the Catholic Center at 58 Winthrop St. to Tufts over the summer.

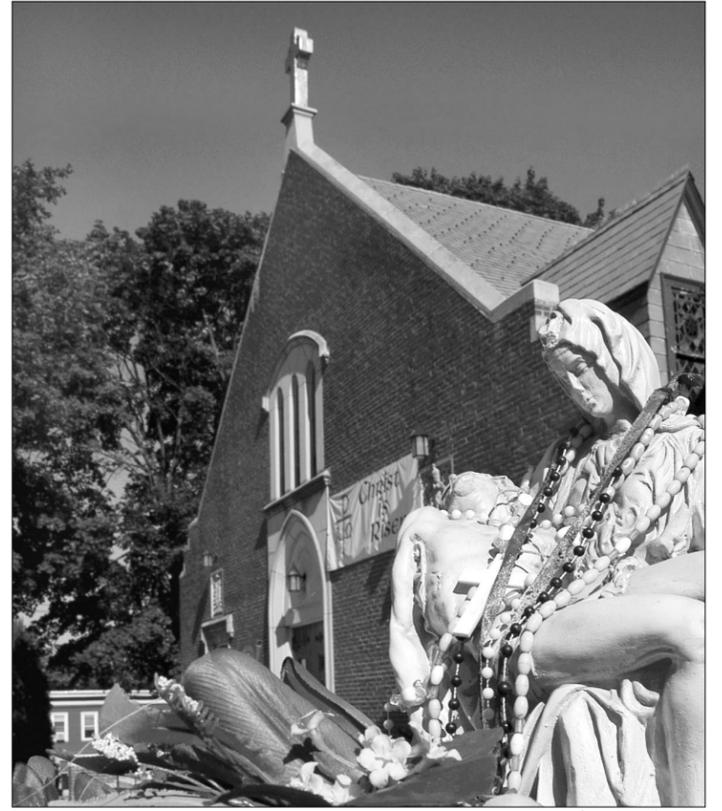
The Sacred Heart property is being marketed by Brian

McKenzie of Richards Barry Joyce & Partners, a Boston-based real-estate firm.

During the 90 days in which the Church is accepting offers, Ketchen said the University will more closely examine the property. "We're currently going through the pre-acquisition, the due diligence phase of that project, to first of all determine what the value is and to determine what's actually there and what the zoning will allow to take place there," he said.

The Medford Board of Assessors most recently valued the buildings at \$812,500, and the 0.45 of an acre on which they sit at \$429,300. But the Boston Globe reported that many realty executives have said church buildings — which are not taxed — are often overvalued so as to maximize the amount of money the state reimburses the towns where they are located.

The Sacred Heart Church property was built between 1939 and 1940 and includes a 7,245 square foot church building and a 4,680 square foot rectory.



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The Sacred Heart Church is one of 16 churches being sold by the Archdiocese of Boston.

AIDS film screened



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Students, including Jessie Levit-Shore (pictured), watched a screening of the film "It's My Party" last night in Barnum as a part of World AIDS Week. The film explores the relationship of two gay men after one of them tests positive for the HIV virus. Condoms and candy were provided to students by AIDS Outreach, which sponsored the event.

New uphill take-out eatery on the way

TCU to meet with Klos to present proposal, discuss bookstore

By DANNY LUTZ
Daily Editorial Board

The Tufts Community Union (TCU) Services Committee met late last night to finalize their proposal for an uphill take-out dining facility in their upcoming meeting with Director of Dining and Business Services Patti Lee Klos.

The meeting with Klos will take place this Wednesday during open block, and will cover both dining and bookstore changes.

The new eatery is planned to replace No-Name Café, which was phased-out earlier this semester.

The Services Committee and Klos have worked together over the course of several meetings to concretize plans for the new eatery, which will tentatively open at the beginning of the fall 2005 semester.

"Overwhelming responses on [TCU Senate] Web surveys say we need weekends and weekend nights for take-out," TCU Senator Aaron Miller said.

Based on student opinion, Klos

and the committee members intend to keep the eatery open late.

“The new eatery will have, at the very least, salads, wraps, soups and smoothies.**”**

Ed Kalafarski
TCU Senator

"[Klos] would keep it open until three a.m. [if] she could find students to staff it," TCU Senator Ed Kalafarski said. "She's actually very receptive to student opinion."

High on the Services Committee's list of priorities is deciding what types of food will be offered. "We have to push for, at the very least, everything that No-Name had," Kalafarski said. The new eatery will have, at the very least, salads, wraps, soups and

smoothies," he said.

"[Klos] has talked of a diner theme," Kalafarski said, but disagreement arose over the nature of such a theme. "[The] diner [image] is not a good idea for healthy food," TCU Senator Zach Landau said.

The final location of the eatery has not yet been set, but Klos is in discussions with Vice President of Operations John Roberto on the subject.

"We want it to be on the Hill. It's going to be incorporated [into an existing structure], it won't be a new building," Kalafarski said. "We want to kick Telefund out," he joked.

Wednesday's meeting will be the last of the semester between Klos and the Services Committee. Past joint projects include additions to the Merchants on Points (MOPS) plan and the extension of Dewick's dining hours.

Klos has also been working to "amp up the atmosphere of Hotung," according to Kalafarski. "Basically she wants to buy more big-screen TV's."

Tufts improves rep among Boston execs

Higher visibility due to better communication, finances, officials say

By ZOSIA SZTYKOWSKI
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Boston business executives rated Tufts' reputation fifth among area companies and non-profits in an annual survey conducted by the Boston-based reputation management company Morrissey & Co. The Massachusetts Corporate Reputation Survey (MCRS) asks 200 local executives to rate 69 institutions' general reputation, financial stability and social responsibility, among other criteria.

This year, Tufts rose in the rankings from 12th to fifth. It is preceded by two area hospitals, as well as by Harvard University and Boston University (BU), which ranked first and third, respectively.

Senior Vice President of Morrissey & Co. Ed Cafasso said institutions' local visibility was vital to having a good ranking in the survey. "One of the most important things is how well-known the organization is within the community," he said.

Indeed, this area is where Tufts has most improved recently. "Tufts has always had a good reputation," Cafasso said, "but in recent years it's had much more visibility."

At a discussion in West Hall earlier this month, University President Larry Bacow said the number of media hits to Tufts' Web site has doubled over the past year.

And according to Associate Director of Public Relations Siobhan Arnold, "the University's

faculty members are often quoted in the local and national news for their expert opinion on topics ranging from political science to groundbreaking research in the life sciences."

This, Bacow said, is part of Tufts' "doing a better job of telling our story."

According to Trustee Irwin Heller, the University's improved reputation comes from "the reality of Tufts' quality education that's been there for a while," he said. "It just takes a while for perception to catch up to reality."

Another element of Tufts' improved visibility is the heightened level at which it "participates in the community and engages active citizenship," Heller said.

Tufts made a major effort to

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POLICE BRIEFS

TO THE WINDOWS

Two accounts of window vandalism on campus buildings were reported to Tufts University Police Department (TUPD) early this week.

The top glass pane of the new function room at Carmichael Dining Hall was shattered sometime between Nov. 24 and Nov. 27. Additionally, three panes of glass were vandalized at the front door of Stratton Hall on Friday, Nov. 26, between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. and reported the following day. There are no suspects in either case.

SMOKE OUT

A student smoking marijuana in Houston Hall was caught after covering up the smoke detector in his room at 1:30 p.m. last Tuesday. He was referred to the Dean of Students Office and the fire marshal for disciplinary action.

HIT AND RUN

A student's compact car parked on Professors Row last Tuesday was hit by an unknown assailant between 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. The driver's side window sustained damage, as did the rearview mirror and the rear lights. The TUPD officer who responded noted that it appeared something had come over the top of the vehicle. Nothing was taken from the interior.

—compiled by Katharine Clark

Tufts' visibility is poised to improve according to experts

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strengthen its relationship to local communities in May, when it agreed to give Medford and Somerville a total of \$2.5 million, bringing positive attention to the University.

Universities like Tufts also contribute to the "research and development that drives the economy in the region," particularly medical and product research, Cafasso said. Tufts is valuable as a "source of ideas, workers and a real magnet for economic growth," he said.

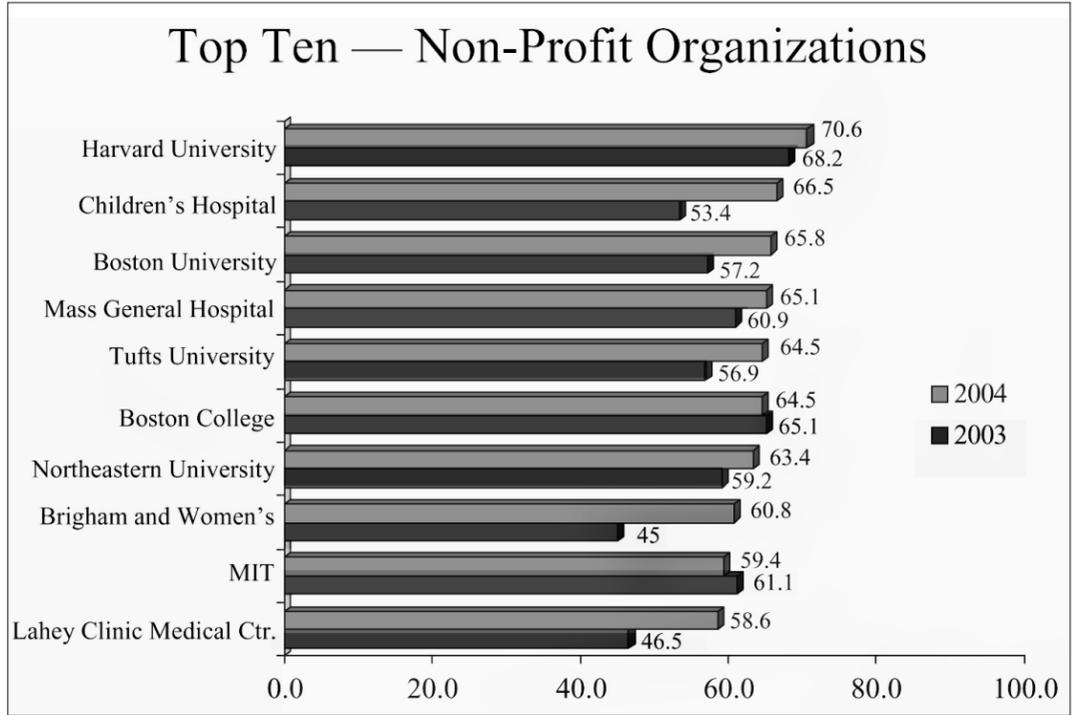
Director of the Somerville Chamber of Commerce Steve Mackey called Tufts a "huge economic engine" for Somerville, attracting 60,000-70,000 people per year to the area and thereby bringing significant financial benefits to local businesses.

“Tufts isn't going anywhere, it's only going to get better.”

Ed Cafasso
Sr. Vice President, Morrissey & Co.

"The administration of the University has always been personally involved with economic development in the city," Mackey said. Several Tufts administrators hold spots in the Somerville Chamber of Commerce, including Bacow, Director of Community Relations Barbara Rubel and Vice President of University Relations Mary Jeka.

"Over the decades, universities have closed gates to the communities around them, but Tufts has opened them," Mackey said.



The top 10 non-profits with the best "reputation," according to Morrissey & Co., a Boston-based public relations firm.

Cafasso said Tufts had also improved communication with Boston-area executives. "It's doing a much better job at educating business influencers in the region about what Tufts can contribute," he said.

And in comparison with many Boston-area universities, Tufts' financial situation keeps it on business' radar screens. "As a result of the declines in the stock market, many college endowments experienced declines," resulting in layoffs and staff reduction at local universities like MIT, according to Vice President of Finance Thomas McGurty.

At Tufts, however, "the rate of spending has continued to grow at a pretty stable rate," McGurty

said. "Tufts was fortunate that we did not experience [endowment decline]."

What gave Harvard and BU a leg up in the reputation ranking, Cafasso said, is their large geographical presence and long-standing regional visibility. "Harvard benefits from having a long-time worldwide reputation," he said.

Heller said the sheer size of these institutions gives them more visibility and more media coverage than Tufts.

"General reputation is impacted by a lot of subliminal things," including the success of a university's sports teams, Heller said.

In this vein, Tufts' ranking on this survey should at least be

constant in the future, Cafasso said. "As Tufts grows and becomes more permanent, it's well-positioned to hold onto its ranking," he said.

Meanwhile, some of Tufts' corporate competition on the ranking is being absorbed by out-of-state companies. But "Tufts isn't going anywhere," Cafasso said. "It's only going to get better."

Yet, according to Heller, the measurement of Tufts that is most important is the one given by the students every year. Every year, the average SAT score of admitted students rises and more and more talented students enroll at Tufts, he said.

"As long as that continues to move up, the rest will take care of itself," Heller said.

OFF THE HILL | RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

Controversial Rutgers paper causing campus turmoil

BY PATRICIA ALEX
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HACKENSACK, N.J. — The Medium, a student-run weekly newspaper at Rutgers University, includes the kind of content that used to be shrouded in brown paper wrappers.

In the past two weeks alone, the paper has featured a comic strip depicting a man slapping a woman in the face during sex, an anonymous editorial calling all Rutgers women bitches, computer-created photos of President Bush and Osama bin Laden having sex and personals with homophobic, racist and anti-Semitic references.

All of it — including the obscenity and the hateful speech — is protected under the First Amendment, university officials say. And here at the public university, The Medium has another court-protected advantage that allows it to stay in business: It's funded by activity fees that students are required to pay.

The Medium will get about \$22,000 in

student funds this school year, allocated by the student government associations at the university's Livingston and Rutgers colleges. The public funding allows it to distribute 6,000 copies each week among the five Rutgers campuses in New Brunswick and Piscataway, N.J.

Some students are fed up.

"It subjugates women right, left and center," said Kim Brynildsen, a freshman at Rutgers' women's college, Douglass. Brynildsen, who is from Parsippany, N.J., and some of the other students at Douglass have launched a petition drive to get The Medium off campus. The initiative, she said, grew out of a women's studies class assignment to "construct a feminist action project."

And the students are surely getting a lesson. The Douglass group rallied on campus this month and was approached by editors of The Medium.

"They started counter-demonstrating," Brynildsen said. "They were being very hostile and not listening to what we were

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OFF THE HILL | U. TOLEDO

False IDs give minors a way in

BY KRISTIN REICHARDT
The Independent Collegian

(U-WIRE) TOLEDO, Ohio — Many people in American culture, especially college students, consider a person's 21st birthday a social right of passage, the day an individual officially leaves childhood behind and takes his or her rightful place in society — as a patron of the local clubs and bars.

For many students who have yet to experience this significant day, avoiding exclusion from the social loop requires drastic measures, such as using a false identification card.

Jen Igrasek, a senior majoring in law and social thought, said she used a fake ID this past summer, mainly for access to the venues her friends frequented.

Igrasek, now 21, said the ID was worth the effort because she is young for her grade and her friends were of age — she did not want to be left out of group activities because of her age.

"I think [having a fake ID] is beneficial for students to get into places," she said. She said she obtained the ID through a friend of a friend for \$20, but getting the ID was not easy.

"It was obvious that [the picture] wasn't me," Igrasek said. "It didn't look like me."

Igrasek said although the ID obviously was not hers, no bouncers or bartenders ever questioned the ID's authenticity.

Web sites such as newphotoid.com and fakeid1.com are creating greater accessibility to false ID cards for minors.

Such Web sites offer nearly exact duplicates of state ID cards, such as drivers licenses, and boast the use of enhanced technology to create such defining features as embedded holograms, formatted barcodes and encoded magnetic strips.

Newphotoid.com even uses a scanned signature of the recipient for authenticity. However, ID manufacturing Web sites post detailed disclaimers negating the legality of manufactured IDs for activity such as purchasing alcohol and driving a car.

Newphotoid.com's disclaimer states, "Please remember that all private novelty ID cards we sell on our Web site are not government issued documents ... They are never to be used legally, and we hold no responsibility as to how you use or

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MARKETS

Yesterday's close

▼ **DOW JONES**
- 46.33 **10,475.90**

▲ **NASDAQ**
4.90 **2,106.87**

WEATHER FORECAST

Today
Tuesday, November 30

Mostly sunny
High 47
Low 36

Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. North winds around 5 mph in the morning...becoming light and variable.

Tomorrow



Rain
51/34

Saturday



Mostly sunny
41/27

Thursday



Partly cloudy
49/32

Sunday



Partly cloudy
48/31

Friday



Partly cloudy
44/25

Monday



Partly cloudy
48/31

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Bhangra is a universal thing; it doesn't have to be just an Indian thing.”

Jed Foreman
Tufts Bhangra Choreographer, sophomore

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BY THE NUMBERS

A day for attention to AIDS

Compiled by

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Because tomorrow is the 17th annual World AIDS Day, this edition of "By the numbers" looks at the AIDS pandemic on global and international levels. In light of this year's World AIDS Day theme, "Have you heard me today: Women, girls, HIV and AIDS," we focus in particular on the increased incidence of HIV among females.

- ◆ 22 million Individuals worldwide who have been killed by AIDS
- ◆ 39 million Adults worldwide who are currently HIV-positive
- ◆ 3 million Children worldwide who are currently HIV-positive
- ◆ 5 million Individuals worldwide who were infected with HIV in 2003



- ◆ 900,000 Americans currently living with HIV, according to the CDC
- ◆ 1/4 Fraction of those Americans with HIV who don't know they're infected, according to the CDC

- ◆ 1 Rank of AIDS among the causes of death for 25-34-year-old African-American women
- ◆ 72% U.S. women diagnosed with AIDS or HIV between 1999 and 2002 who were African-American
- ◆ 12.3% U.S. women that are African-American



- ◆ 2.5 times How much more likely females are to become infected by HIV than males
- ◆ 25 times How much more likely an African-American woman is to get AIDS, compared to a Caucasian-American woman
- ◆ 6 How much more likely a Hispanic-American woman is to get AIDS, compared to a Caucasian-American woman

- ◆ 2 million People killed annually by the bubonic plague in the years of the 14th century, when it was most widespread
- ◆ 3 million People killed by AIDS last year



- ◆ 76% AIDS-infected 15-24 year olds in sub-Saharan Africa who are female
- ◆ 57% AIDS-infected adults there who are female

- ◆ 90% Percentage by which "consistent and correct condom use reduces the risk of HIV infection," according to the World Health Organization

The statistics cited above come from the Daily News Tribune, the People's Daily Online, Medical News Online, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, the Manila Bulletin Online and the Day Online.

Student overcrowding under control at Tufts

BY LIZ COPELAND
Contributing Writer

Overcrowding is currently a major issue on many college campuses across the country. A number of schools suffer from a severe lack of housing, which forces students to live in cramped dorm rooms or move off campus. Some universities and colleges are also finding that they do not have the classroom facilities to keep up with annual increases in student enrollment.

Fortunately, Tufts does not have overcrowding problems as serious as those of many other universities across the country: "Overcrowding is not an issue at Tufts," Dean of Undergraduate Admissions Lee Coffin said.

Coffin believes overcrowding will not become a major issue in the near future, either. "There were approximately 1,275 students in the last three freshmen classes, and that is our target for the Class of '09 as well," he said.

Professor Charles Inouye, a member of the Task Force on the Undergraduate Experience and professor of Japanese, International Letters and Visual Studies, believes that overcrowding typically becomes a problem for schools when class size is increased in order to increase a school's profits.

"It's a quick fix that usually can be absorbed with relative ease over the short term," Inouye said. "Sooner or later, though, we run into problems like not enough housing or an unfavorable faculty to student ratio."

Tufts Undergraduate Admissions carefully manages enrollment. They examine trends in freshmen and transfer enrollment and take into account students studying

abroad and students on medical leave.

"Ideally, this approach avoids the kind of unexpected swings in enrollment that lead to overcrowding," Coffin said. "Forecasting human behavior is not an exact science, but it is surprisingly predictable."

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Lee Coffin
Dean of Undergraduate Admissions

The perception of overcrowding at Tufts varies according to students' experiences. While freshmen Floor Deruyter and Evan Barnathan do not believe that overcrowding is a problem at Tufts, sophomores Sara Gale and Leanne Andruszkiewicz are very worried about their chances for obtaining on-campus housing for next year.

"I think it's a problem that juniors don't get housing," Andruszkiewicz said. "We would like to live on campus, but we know it's completely unrealistic."

Gale feels the same way. "I think that's the reason a lot of juniors go abroad," she said.

Currently, Deruyter and Barnathan do not know any freshmen who are living in a forced triple. However, Gale lived in one last year in Hill Hall.

"It was a big room to begin with, so it wasn't that bad," she said. "But the problem was deciding which one of us wanted to leave because the triple was being broken up."

Eventually, one of the girls moved to another dorm room because the triple was no longer necessary.

While overcrowding may be an issue for rising sophomores, many Tufts students see it as a bigger issue at some of the other universities that their friends attend. Andruszkiewicz has friends who have experienced various forms of overcrowding at University of Massachusetts-Amherst and MIT.

"My friend goes to UMass and has a thousand people in her physics class," she said. "Her advisor didn't even know her name. He had to look her up on the computer."

Baranathan has friends living in very cramped quarters at school. "Some of my friends are in quads that should be doubles — the beds are all bunked up," he said.

Some members of the administration at Columbia College in Chicago are worried about the recent growth in class size. According to an article in the Columbia Chronicle, enrollment is up 6 percent this year, making the total population reach 10,350 students.

Columbia officials are not sure if the university has the space and resources needed for such a growth in student body. College provost Steven Kapelke told the Chronicle that the growth in enrollment was needed to increase the school's income. However, he also believes that Columbia will need to expand its facilities if the growth continues.

In fall 2003, overcrowding in dormitories was a major problem at University of Kansas. According to an article in the Daily Nebraskan, many students would start the year living in dormitory lounges rather than

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Rutgers students fed up with allegedly sexist, racist paper

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trying to say."

The editor of The Medium, Michael Stanley, said he and other staffers went to the rally merely to "have a dialogue" with the protesters. "We tried to explain to the people that we're not there to degrade women," he said.

This week's issue of The Medium responded to the protesters with a cover of topless women, headlined "Douglass Protest Gone Wild."

In mid-November, 5,000 issues of the Medium disappeared. An anonymous group, whose members call themselves "The Progressive Activists," took responsibility. "If you're going to be progressive, don't steal our papers," Stanley said.

The Medium bills itself as "the Entertainment Weekly" of the Rutgers campus. Founded in 1970 as the campus newspaper of Livingston, The Medium says it provides "a special brand of light-hearted humor" to students. Many of the submissions are anonymous. It is delivered every Wednesday to student centers, dining halls and academic buildings.

"We are an envelope-pushing paper," said Stanley, the editor, a senior from Scotch Plains, N.J. "From speaking with students, I've realized we're an integral part of Wednesdays on campus."

This isn't the first time that the paper has been at the locus of controversy.

Last year, there were more student protests over the profane personals, which routinely slur many groups. This spring, editors apologized for publishing a cover-page cartoon that mocked the Holocaust. It featured a man throwing a ball at another who sat atop an oven. The text read: "Knock a Jew in the oven!" Editors said the drawing was not intended to be anti-Semitic but was "meant to amuse through extraordinary absurdity."

The cartoon sparked outrage from many students, school officials and outside groups. Nonetheless, Rutgers President Richard L. McCormick, in a letter to the university community, said not much could be done.

"It's understandable that many students want to shut down the paper because of its content," McCormick wrote. "To do so would clearly break the law."

The nation's courts have allowed wide latitude for speech on college campuses. Language that incites [there was a suggestion in The Medium that those who stole the papers be "hanged" in the middle of

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SEARCH RUTGERS

Office of the President Home | Letters to the Rutgers Community

Addressing Concerns About The Medium

November 24, 2003

Members of the Rutgers Community:

Earlier this month, several items in the personals section of *The Medium*, a student publication, contained racist and deeply offensive language. These personals were completely at odds with the values of the Rutgers community. Publishing them showed poor judgment by the editors.

Many people in the Rutgers community have reacted to the personals with outrage. Students organized several protest rallies. Vice President for Student Affairs Emmet Dennis and Rutgers College Dean Carl Kirschner issued written statements condemning these personals, and I denounced their publication in an interview with *The Daily Targum* and in several other venues. Many students have pointed out that the racist personals were only the most recent example of appalling material printed by *The Medium*, and they do not want their student fees used to support hate speech.

The First Amendment protects the paper's right to exist, and the courts have consistently upheld the right to print hate speech. *The Medium's* funding comes from student fees allocated by Livingston and Rutgers College governing associations. While it is understandable that many students want to shut down the paper because of its content, to do so would clearly break the law. [For a Q&A discussion of funding and First Amendment issues, visit http://www.president.rutgers.edu/medium_QA.shtml.]

DAILY STAFF GRAPHIC

Rutgers University President Richard McCormick issued a statement last week addressing concerns raised by the university community about controversial content published in student-run newspaper, The Medium.

campus] likely doesn't cross the legal standard of "fighting words," some experts say.

Obscenity is mitigated by whether the material has redeeming artistic, social or political value. The Medium purports to be political and cultural satire, which is protected, legal experts say.

"There is a pretty strong threshold for obscenity," with all but hard-core pornography being exempt from protection, said David Hudson of the First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University. Similarly, a U.S. Supreme Court decision in 2000 found that universities could not withhold student-fee funding from registered student groups.

In a unanimous ruling involving a case at the University of Wisconsin, the Supreme Court said that student funds can go to diverse groups, even over the objections of individual students who disagree with some of the groups they are funding. A majority of the justices said that a student-fee program is constitutional as long as it is applied with "viewpoint neutrality," meaning that the views of any registered student group, no matter how objectionable, can't be used to deny funding.

That protection can be tough to swallow. "We've gotten a lot of complaints from those who feel their student funds should not go to the publication," said Gus Sara, president of the student government association at Rutgers' Livingston College.

Efforts to rescind that funding last year were met by threats of a lawsuit and warnings from university attorneys that the case could not be won, Sara said.

The process has been aggravating and frustrating, but ultimately a learning experience, Sara said.

And that's part of the point, say administrators at Rutgers.

"The purpose of student activity fees is to create a marketplace of different and diverse student viewpoints," said Brian Rose, vice president of student affairs. "And the expectation is that we do it a viewpoint-neutral way."

"Over several years, there have been different articles, cartoons and editorials [in *The Medium*] that have created various controversies on campus," Rose said. "What we have generally tried to do is facilitate dialogue between the students and the people responsible for content. The hope is that people learn from these experiences."

Fake IDs give minors more freedom

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alter our photo ID cards. We do not sell drivers licenses, nor any type of government-issued documents."

Despite disclaimers, these Web sites still contribute to the use of fake ID cards among underage people, especially college students, said Greg Mathlman, a Toledo police school resource officer.

Mathlman said he is sure such Web sites are illegal, but the owners are probably difficult to track down. Mathlman said police see the most use of fake IDs from college students.

"They have more use for [fake IDs]," he said, and attributed an increased use in fake IDs to the greater accessibility students have to the IDs, whether from friends and acquaintances or through purchasing IDs from Web sites.

Mathlman said he feels the use of fake ID cards as well as underage drinking in general would decrease if the drinking age was lowered.

"[Students] are going to drink regardless [of the law]," he said. "The drinking age should be 18, in my opinion."

The Ohio Department of Public Safety agrees the use of false IDs is a significant problem among college students.

"I think any use of fake identification is a problem," said Fred Stratmann, media relations director for the Ohio Department of Public Safety. "Fighting it is part of our mission."

Stratmann said one way the department fights the use of fake IDs is through an alcohol investigation unit, which conducts operations at events such as concerts and sporting events.

The department conducted an operation in Toledo during Homecoming weekend and arrested 49 people and cited the Dorr Street BP station for selling alcohol to minors, he said.

Ohio has taken vast efforts to make government-issued identification harder to manufacture, especially for people under 21, Stratmann said.

"State identification cards for underage drinkers are difficult to duplicate," because of a watermark and various other characteristics Stratmann declined to comment on.

Stratmann also said he thinks the educa-

tion of bar and restaurant employees plays a significant role in reducing the use of fake identification by underage customers.

"Part of our state efforts has been to work with communities to educate people," he said. "[Bars and restaurants] are required to ask for identification or they risk losing their licenses."

"Our people can tell the difference [between fake and real identification] and we are willing to work with businesses who want to cut back on the use of fake IDs."

Julie Ketterman, the general manager of The Distillery, 4311 Heatherdowns Blvd., said it doesn't catch students using fake IDs very often because The Distillery is known for its strict 21-and-over policy.

"I fire people for not checking IDs," she said.

Richie Stamper, a day bartender at Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar, 2111 Mellwood Ave., and a security guard at Club 1800, 2045 W. Alexis Rd., said he is very firm in denying alcohol to underage people.

"If [your ID] doesn't look real I won't let you in," he said.

Stamper said he has been a bouncer at local clubs for 20 years and has become skilled in determining if an ID is fake.

"The best way to catch someone using someone else's ID is to ask their middle name or their Zodiac sign," Stamper said.

Stamper estimated he catches students using fake IDs at least 20 times per night when he is working the door at Club 1800. He said he catches people using expired IDs at the bar about three times per week, and said more people use expired IDs than fake ones.

"Even with today's technology, you can't fake an Ohio license," he said. Though there are some state ID cards that are easier to duplicate because of the lower material quality and lack of defining features such as watermarks and holograms, he said.

Stamper said he uses The ID Checking Guide for 2004, a book that lists government identification for all 50 states, defining features of each ID, photo examples and different types of ID fraud. The time-sensitive book will be considered out-of-date after Feb. 28, 2005, because it's frequently updated.

OFF THE HILL | KANSAS STATE U.

Kansas State U. prepares to buckle down for cold winter

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Kansas State Collegian

(U-WIRE) MANHATTAN, Kan. — When the holiday season rolls around, winter-coat weather can be expected.

Until last week, though, the weather wasn't cold enough to bring out many winter coats.

But regardless of the actual weather conditions, many buildings in Manhattan, Kan., are already decorated for Christmas.

Jerrad Boyle, a Kansas State University junior in architectural engineering, helped put up lights Sunday evening on his fraternity house, Theta Xi.

He started to help just after he returned from his home in Dallas, Texas, and he said he noticed the cold right away.

Chance Lee, a sophomore in business, helped Boyle with the lights, and he was at Theta Xi since the members began decorating.

Lee said he stayed in the house Saturday night, and that was the first time Theta Xi turned on the heat this semester.

"It's been getting cold the last few days,"

he said. "Up till then, it was pretty warm, I thought."

Scott Whitmore, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Topeka, Kan., said the mild weather could still bring a stormy winter.

"The weather patterns always change," he said. "It's not too unusual to have mild weather before stormy weather."

The coldest day this month was Thanksgiving Day at 25 degrees, according to the National Weather Service in Topeka. Sunday night there was a severe weather alert.

David Colburn, manager of The Pathfinder, a local sporting goods store, said weather affects winter gear sales.

"It varies a lot with the weather," he said. "The coat sales and hats and gloves are definitely affected."

Colburn said Pathfinder has had slightly better year thus far than in previous years, and that could be because of the snow storms from last year.

"There's always some that plan ahead," he said. "Most people don't buy anything until it gets cold and snowy, though."

Overcrowding plagues other colleges

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rooms. Two to four students would live in each lounge space, with extra furnishings such as lamps and a cordless phone aimed at making the living situation somewhat easier.

Nonetheless, these lounges are temporary. The University of Nebraska does not expect students to live in them for the full year. Vacancies will occur throughout the semester, and the housing officials plan to keep in close contact with the students living in the lounges.

Hopefully, after the construction of Sophia Gordon Hall, overcrowding will no longer be even a small problem at Tufts.

"Sophia Gordon Hall and the new music building are good examples of near-term

steps the University will take to accommodate the undergraduate population at Tufts," Coffin said. "The campus master planning process that is now underway is also an important activity that will help us manage these issues."

Tufts is also attempting to keep up with student growth's effect on classroom space. "One way we have tried to keep up with classroom demand is to clean up the old block schedule," Inouye said. "We now have fewer overlaps, and people are spread out over the day and week a bit better than before."

According to Inouye, Tufts does not currently need the construction of "an expensive classroom building."

"At Tufts, we try to stretch every dollar," he said.

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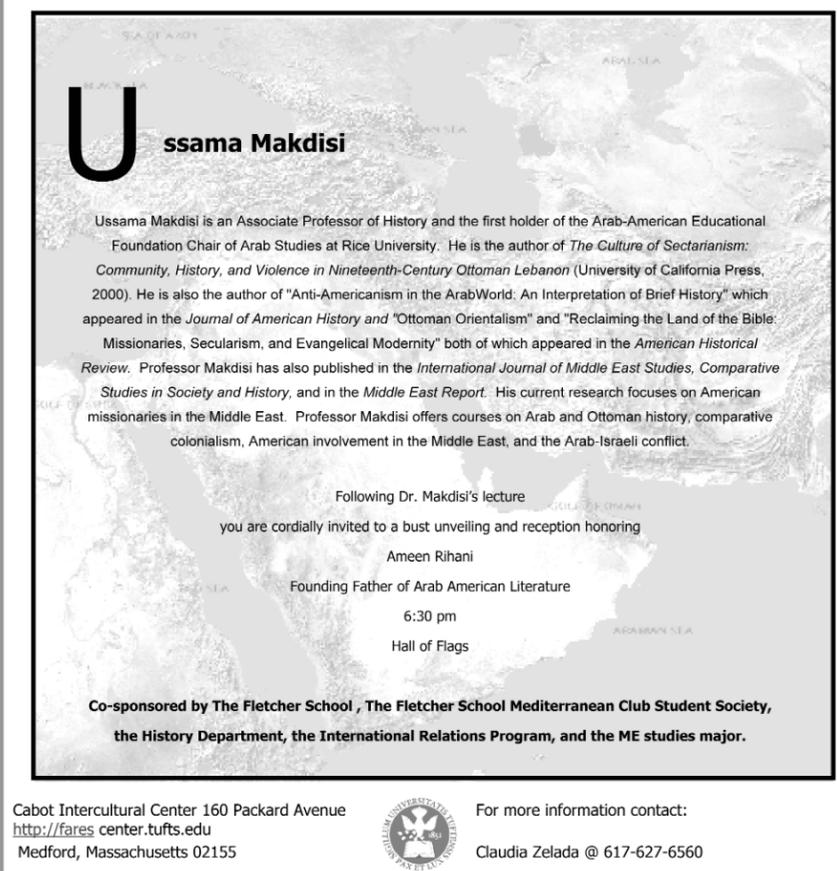
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Upon graduation, I plan on opening a business using OPEN, the American Express Open Small Business Network. Until then, I plan on drinking Coors beer, eating Doritos, playing with Mattel toys and after I'm done with all of that, brushing my teeth using Crest toothpaste. The amazing thing is that I learned about all these wonderful products while watching television.

Not during the commercials, mind you, but while watching actual shows, including "The Restaurant," "The Apprentice" and "Survivor." Product placement is the latest catchphrase in the television business, as both advertisers and producers are eager to push brand names on primetime shows. Companies such as Sears can hijack the ABC show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" and television executives are able to reduce the production costs of the show. In this particular case, Sears even pitched in to help pay for the advertising.

In the era of rampant media conglomeration, this trend should not be too surprising. Now that every television station is somehow connected to ten others, who are then connected to fifty separate corporations, the melding of business and television programming is to be expected. To be honest, I don't fully understand the complaints that groups such as Commercial Alert have lodged with Congress. This type of advertising isn't excessively deceptive, and it can often raise the level of interest in a particular show.

For instance, when contestants on "The Apprentice" had to find a way to sell Crest toothpaste or create a new toy for Mattel, those episodes were infinitely more engrossing than those in which they had to complete other menial tasks for the Donald. It seemed as though the contestants were actually assigned tasks with some real-life purpose. There was some semblance of reality in a reality program.

Furthermore, viewers who cannot see a blatant advertisement when a giant box with the Target "bullseye" logo lands on a island populated by sixteen camera-hungry Americans deserve to have their television sets, impounded. If there is a brand-name product on any reality television show, of course it is there for the public's eyes, not the contestants.'

It's somewhat similar to how corporations have affected the business side of sports television. We've become accustomed to Gillette Stadium, the FleetCenter and Continental Airlines Arena. As a sports fan, I have to admit my distaste for the loss of original structures such as the Boston Garden but, in the long run, it doesn't affect my love of the game. During March Madness, the NCAA basketball tournament, CBS often refers to its Pennzoil-at-the-Half program.

Again, here is a blatant advertisement that doesn't change the game itself. On the other hand, some of the more recent business incursions into the game (see Leon during the World Series) have rightfully infuriated view-

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ALBUM REVIEW

Try to limit yourself to just a little LAMB

Gwen Stefani's new album is mixed bag

BY RUBEN SANCHEZ
Senior Staff Writer

On her new album "Love, Angel, Music, Baby" (LAMB), Gwen Stefani rocks like it's 1989. Stefani is a child of the '80s, and through her solo debut the rock princess tries to revive the decade mocked for its materialism, bad clothes, and worse music.

Love, Angel, Music, Baby

Gwen Stefani



Interscope Records

And for a large portion of LAMB, she succeeds.

On hiatus from her band No Doubt, Gwen has focused on her solo career. She has been working on projects including her album, acting in "The Aviator" alongside Leonardo DiCaprio, and her own clothing line (also called LAMB). She's getting a lot of press these days, and the media coverage only helps her quest to become the interim queen of pop.

Gone are the highly personal and introspective lyrics that made No Doubt and its female lead so successful. In the place of substance, LAMB delivers '80s new wave and pop, with hints of swing and electronica. There is none of the familiar ska sound No Doubt is famous for.

Fans of the rock band have let their displeasure be known. They've posted angry letters on message boards all over fan sites. Most of the complaints are that Gwen's solo album is just too weird, too over the top. And they are right.

Put the album on and the first song you hear is the first

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Gwen Stefani steps through the looking glass on "Love, Angel, Music, Baby."



MEGHNA SHAH/TUFTS DAILY

Farming never looked like this! Tufts Bhangra mixes traditional moves with complicated stunts to create exciting dances.

Tufts Bhangra team ends its fall season with genuine 'Blast'

BY STEPHANIE VALLEJO
Senior Staff Writer

Adding a modern twist to bhangra, the traditional Indian harvest dance, this season's diverse Tufts Bhangra team combined invention with convention to bring home a second place title at MIT's Bhangra Blast 2004 competition.

With their second place success at Bhangra Fusion in Detroit last spring, the five-year-old team is establishing itself as a nationally competitive force.

For now, the season is over, and the performers enjoyed each other's company as they met for a post-season practice to brush up on their routine before a charity fundraiser event for THRIVE (To Help Rural Indian Villages Emerge).

The group's fellowship and energy are contagious; many on the team just wouldn't stand still in the dance lab, practicing their moves and footwork while they waited for their cue and chattering companionably with each other.

Sophomore Davlyn Grant did a few cartwheels on the sidelines to release excess energy. Sophomore Smita Deshmukh exclaimed in sudden realization, "We went a week without bhangra!" For a team that has been known to clock in ten-hour days before competitions, it's apparent that a week of no bhangra after a season of intense practices is out of the norm for the performers.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Enduring Love' not a film just full of hot air

Roger Michell's film shows obsession but lacks tension

BY JESSICA SIMONCELLI
Contributing Writer

The opening of the novel and screenplay of "Enduring Love" is the scene of a lover's picnic on the English countryside

Enduring Love



Starring **Daniel Craig, Rhys Ifans, Samantha Morton**
Directed by **Roger Michell**

interrupted by a tragic hot air balloon accident. While this scene does dictate the plot of the story — one of obsession and breakdown — an interruption that is far more telling of the rest of the film is when the story's stalker pops up at his stalkee's private lunch and cautiously coos, "We can't keep meeting like this."

And you thought the title was cheesy. In fact, "Enduring Love" is not a sappy romance movie, and that line is one of the film's most spine-chilling. Directed by Roger Michell ("Notting Hill" [1999] and "Changing Lanes" [2002]), "Enduring Love" is certainly not the most thrilling thriller ever made, but it is not completely unworthy of the title. Rather than the unknown details of the balloon accident, it is the way in which the survivors' internal reactions become manifest that is the emphasis of the film and the heart of its tension.

The first scene is disturbing even to the most jaded audience, as several men, including Joe (Daniel Craig), rush to help a young boy escape from an unwieldy hot air balloon that refuses to stay

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Stefani's new album cares much more about its image than with its music

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single released to the public, "What You Waiting For." The "Alice in Wonderland"-inspired video prepares the audience for the absurd themes on the rest of LAMB. This first track also introduces us to Gwen's personal muses for this project: the four Harajuku Girls she named Love, Angel, Music and Baby.

When an album is promoted as an extension of the of the artist's personality, bad songs become embarrassments.

The story goes that in the process of creating her album and her clothing line, Gwen had a creative block. While visiting the Harajuku shopping district in Tokyo, Japan, Gwen was inspired by the glamour and style of the girls who go there to shop and show off. The Harajuku girls are referenced all over the album.

Dr. Dre produced the song "Rich Girl," a collaboration with female rapper Eve. Gwen helped Eve make a hit a few years ago on "Blow Your Mind," and Eve returns the favor. This track is no "Fiddler on the Roof" remake; it is inspired by Lady Saw's reggae hit "If I Were

a Rich Girl." Dr. Dre takes the reggae beat and laces it with some heavy drums. "Rich Girl" is one of the two songs on this album that will grab some hip-hop listeners.

The other song is "Luxurious." Tony Kanal, lead guitarist of No Doubt, gets in on the production and samples the same Isley Brothers beat that made the Notorious B.I.G. so famous with "Big Papa." Kanal stretches the beat out even more by slowing down the playback and having Gwen sing (almost rap) her lyrics quickly. She sings about money, cars and clothes on "Luxurious," likely to the chagrin of some diehard No Doubters.

Gwen's solo album is for her fans alone, not No Doubt fans looking for more No Doubt music.

Really, LAMB isn't about the music at all. It's about Gwen Stefani and the cultivation of her new persona and career. The producers are the ones making the music on this one, not Gwen. She's put her career in their hands for the chance to propel her celebrity even further.

LAMB is an eccentric pop album meant to solidify the identity of an artist and package it neatly in a jewel case. Sometimes it works. Look at Madonna, Prince and most recently Andre 3000, who produces two tracks on LAMB. But it can also backfire.

When an album is promoted as an extension of the of the



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On "Love, Angel, Music, Baby," Gwen Stefani trades in the No Doubt boys for a new, all-female entourage.

artist's personality, bad songs become embarrassments. LAMB has twelve tracks, and starting with number seven, an homage to the bizarre Harajuku Girls, the songs get embarrassing. The later tracks are carbon copies of the new wave pop that

went out of style in the '80s, and the second track produced by Andre 3000, "Long Way to Go," which has tape of Martin Luther King, Jr. speeches infused at the end, is catchy but too weird to like.

Gwen Stefani's new album

splits right down the middle: half good and half bad. Some will call it a fun album, some will call it weird. Some fans will like it, some won't. But one thing is clear: for Stefani, it's no longer about the music. It's about the material.

'Enduring Love' lacks the suspense to succeed

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anchored to the ground. As the men grab hold of the ropes, the balloon prevails and rises into the sky, forcing all but one of the men to drop before it gets too high. They watch as the last man floats higher, eventually losing his grip and falling to his death before them.

Joe and another man called Jed (Rhys Ifans) run to the fallen man, and Jed implores the secular, academic Joe to pray with him over the dead body. Somewhere in this moment of trauma, the intense Jed feels a connection with Joe that burges into the stalking that unfolds.

Originally written by Ian McEwan and adapted for the screen by Joe Penhall, the story quickly becomes one of Joe — a professor and author — witnessing the uncontrollable deterioration of his own rational mind due to the traumatic accident and its unshakable aftermath.

Joe had intended to propose to his sculptor girlfriend Claire (Samantha Morton) that afternoon in the field. Instead, his conception of love unravels as he is continually haunted both by the accident and, more importantly, by Jed, who shows up at Joe's and Claire's flat and soon everywhere Joe goes.

A supposed psychological thriller, the film falls short of its mark, not for lack of acting but instead for failure to explore its main plot thread far enough. The creepiness of an unwanted obsession is definitely palpable, but the suspense of a thriller is never really generated; the "mysterious" elements present — those that an audience might normally want to get to the bottom of — are not emphasized enough to even make the audience realize that it should be curious.



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Joe (Daniel Craig) witnesses both a traumatic accident and his own mental unraveling in "Enduring Love."

For instance, when Joe goes to visit the widow of the balloon victim, she reveals suspicions that her husband had been unfaithful and that he had run to the balloon with the others only to impress his mistress. This could have been investigated further and twisted into a tighter plot thread; however, it is barely touched and rather uneventfully explained at the end of the film.

Even tracing the path of Jed's disquieting obsession with Joe leaves the adrenaline junky wanting more suspense (with the partial exception of the final twist). However, treated like a straight drama, "Enduring Love" does offer some perplexities about human expectation, and, as Joe, Craig effectively portrays the anxiety that ensues when love, and even reality, are turned on their heads.

The balloon serves to represent all things arbitrary, for the man's unexpected death came and went in an instant, as does Joe's sanity when suddenly faced with Jed's madness.

Ifans is superior in the film, portraying how easily loneliness can drive a person to unfounded and unreciprocated attachment. Almost unaware of anything but the object of his affection, Ifans plays the persistent, stringy-haired Jed as the crazy person you'd rather walk away from than look in the face and tell to leave you alone.

On the other side of Joe, Morton is solid as the girlfriend who has to go along for Joe's ride, watching him complicate their relationship despite her efforts to ground him.

Unlike the acting, the camerawork is a bit overwrought, with the theme being first-person perspective shots to emulate the viewpoint of Jed's stalking. While this was sometimes distracting, it did do well to keep the dominant thread of obsession afloat. "Enduring Love," whatever its genre, contains impressive performances and certainly some thrilling moments, but in the end might be as arbitrary and hard to pin down as the hot air balloon that sets the story in motion.

Bhangra incorporates new tricks into traditional dance

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Though bhangra is a traditional harvest dance native to Punjab, a state in northern India, Tufts Bhangra is not hemmed in by tradition. With moves such as "The Bird" and "The Peacock," bhangra is an artistic expression and embellishment of the habitual movements of farmers. Tufts Bhangra reinterprets tradition, with good results.

The team is also remarkably diverse compared to most bhangra teams, especially those from large universities where the Indian population is proportionately greater. The team encourages all interested students to join the team and learn about the culture by attending open practices at the beginning of each semester, exemplified by this year's team having several first-time members.

Sophomore Jed Forman was introduced to bhangra his freshman year, when he followed his friend Vish Subramanian to one of the open practices for fun. "I just kind of threw myself into it," Forman said. "I felt like I just had a knack for it."

Traditional bhangra is ultimately a farmer's dance; the dancers are not necessarily young, and stunts stacking people on top of one another like the team performs are not necessarily appropriate. The team strives for the soft and slow, yet still powerful feel of traditional bhangra.

Many of the squad's moves are inspired by and based off of tradition, but much of their choreography is fused with hip-hop beats. This allows a greater audience to be drawn into the dance.

A notable example of the squad's modern interpretation of bhangra is their "Slow

Motion" routine, which includes a hip-hop interlude before returning to the customary music and movement. Forman, who worked on the choreography along with Subramanian and fifth year senior Sameer Puri, explained, "It's a hats-off to something people know, just to get the crowd pumped."

Now a choreographer Forman is one of five non-Indian members out of 15 on the team. Puri chuckled as he told a story about how some have mistaken Forman as a supporter of the team, which is ironic because Forman is one of the strongest members.

“Bhangra is a universal thing; it doesn't have to be just an Indian thing.”

Jed Forman
Sophomore, Tufts Bhangra
Choreographer

"People might expect that it might be threatening for a non-Indian person to do bhangra," Forman remarks, "but everyone is really accepting."

Forman looks forward to next semester and more competition. Though he is a self-described purist hoping to see the team move in a more traditional direction, he is glad that the innovation practiced by the Tufts Bhangra has encouraged interest. "Bhangra in the U.S. evolved into its own sort of bhangra," Forman concluded. "Bhangra is a universal thing; it doesn't have to be just an Indian thing."

Pixies frontman rarely can be found at a loss for words

BY MALCOLM X ABRAM
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Frank Black Francis wants to be cuddled. Since the return to action of his indie rock band the Pixies, the man known to friends as Charles Michael Kittridge Thompson IV and soon-to-be daddy (his girlfriend is pregnant with their first child) has become a cog in the music business machine like never before. Though he has never stopped making music, having released 11 albums under the name Frank Black, the success of the Pixies reunion has made him a hot interview for rock scribes who came of age with the Pixies and those who are playing catch-up.

Formed in Boston in 1986, the Pixies — vocalist guitarist Black, lead guitarist Joey Santiago, drummer and magician David Lovering and bassist, vocalist and “secret weapon” Kim Deal — were just a quirky band playing Black’s quirky songs around Massachusetts. A tour opening for Throwing Muses got the band a chance to record a demo, which got the group signed to ‘80s and ‘90s indie rock powerhouse label 4AD. The band’s debut EP, “Come on Pilgrim,” in 1987, followed by the Steve Albini-recorded full-length “Surfer Rosa” in 1988, featured the college rock radio staples “Where Is My Mind” and the Deal-penned fan favorite

“Gigantic.”

By its third release, “Doolittle,” the band began getting attention from MTV and had successful singles with the pop-leaning tune “Monkey’s Gone to Heaven” and “Here Comes Your Man.” Two more strong records followed, “Bossanova” and the noisy “Trompe Le Monde,” before the breakup. However, the band’s musical template — razor-sharp guitars, soft verses, loud choruses, strong hooks compiled of cryptic lyrics and Black’s patented unhinged scream contrasting with Deal’s detached girlish voice — arguably defined indie guitar rock of the era and laid the foundation for what was to become “alternative.” Since Francis’ infamous 1992 fax breaking up the band, musicians, including Radiohead’s Thom Yorke, Bright Eyes leader Conor Oberst and most famously Kurt Cobain, have sung the band’s praises. And both David Bowie and Staind covered the band on recent albums.

A dozen years later, the band has reunited to considerably more mainstream fanfare than it garnered the first time around. For Francis, that means having slight variations on the same conversation several times a day — a task for which Francis is not always in the mood, particularly when said scribe seems disingenuous or simply attempts to

get Francis to fill in the blanks on a low-key band that made an important but low-key splash and ended with a low-key breakup. And, as your intrepid reporter aka “phone No. 5 of the day” clumsily broached the subject, Francis needed to do a little venting.

“That was then, this is now,” he said. “You live with a bunch of people for a few years and you get on each other’s nerves. It’s not that big of a deal. It happens to every band, pretty much. Bands break up, some bands don’t, some bands are able to get over it and they do their reunion tour. I mean, it’s not like I’m an Arab and Kim’s an Israeli.”

Fair enough. But, how about ...

“I don’t mean to be cranky with you, sir, but what I’m saying is you guys [reporters] say all kinds of things, but you never really back it up with any real observations. What you do is you rehash other articles that have been written,” he said.

Uh ... OK so everybody’s getting along really great now?

“Yeah, there you go!” he said, laughing.

“Isn’t this better than some guy giving you some VH1 sound bubble sound bite so you can block it out in big bold print? Aren’t you glad I’m real as opposed to some trite crap?”

“It’s not even the question, it’s how it’s asked ... This is supposed to be a romance ... and I can tell they’re not there, they’re just

reading off of a piece of paper or something. So I have no problem with dull little questions, but the dull little questions really drive you nuts if you feel like the other person on the other end of the line is not really curious. They are just going through the motions and its like, no, I need more cuddling than that. We gotta spoon a little bit, I don’t just want to [fornicate].”

Ironically, Deal called him during the interview.

“See, that was Kim asking me if I wanted to go do something. See how rosy it is?” he said, laughing.

The Pixies circa 2004 are a bit wiser, a little bit heavier and though the music business machine periodically intrudes, Francis said they are all having a very good time with the reunion. Since the debut at the Coachella Festival in May and the announcement of the tour, they have been selling out arenas around the United States and Europe, playing to crowds exponentially larger than the ones they used to pack into clubs and theaters. As much as Francis enjoys having 5,000 to 10,000 people, many half his age, screaming back his lyrics at him, he said the band misses the smaller rooms it used to play.

“Big cement buildings are not great for rock shows,” Francis said.

Media watchdogs complain that video games are violent, oversexed

BY CHARLES HOMANS
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — This season’s blockbuster video games give players the opportunity to hijack cars, mow down the walking undead with heavy artillery and ogle topless women. But gamers too young for such content may find little else.

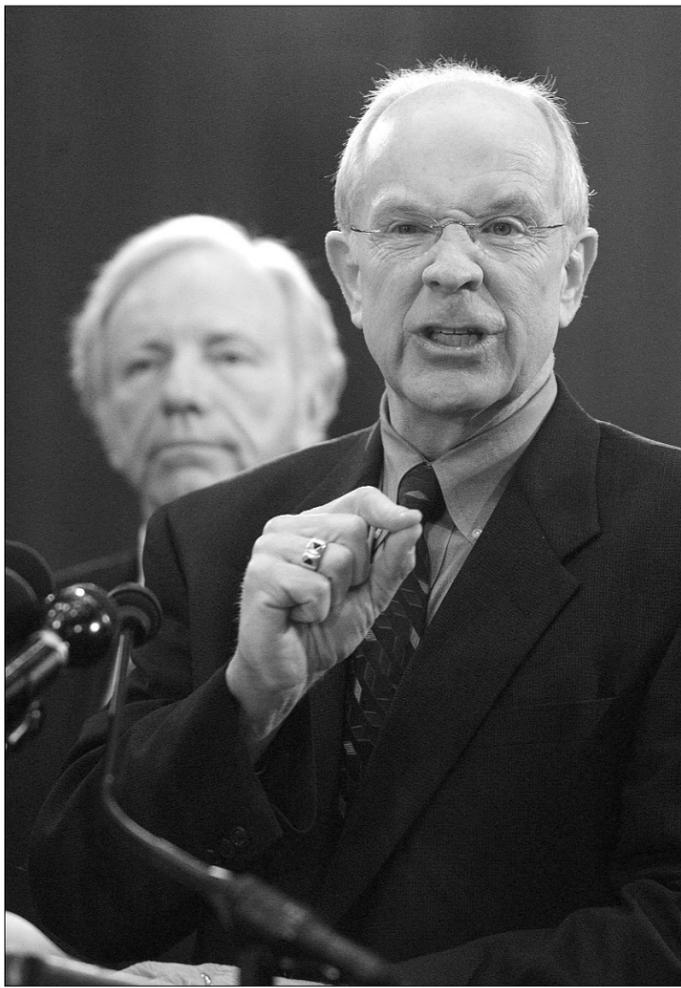
“I think it’s a little bit scary that the best games coming onto the market that we’re all talking about are the very violent first-person shooters,” said David Walsh, president of the National Institute on Media and the Family. The non-profit watchdog group released its annual video game report card Tuesday. It’s a rundown of the 10 best and worst new video games for children, which the group hopes will encourage game makers to keep young players in mind.

“It seems to me that the video game industry could use its expertise to create equally enticing games for children,” Walsh said.

Such criticism is common of an industry in which gruesome car wrecks and machine-gun rampages are part of the daily grind. But what’s different this year, some critics say, is that virtually all of the big-name games loosed on the market for the holiday rush are adult-oriented.

“It’s been a very disappointing year for ‘E’ games,” said syndicated video game critic Steven Kent, referring to the “suitable for everyone” rating used by the Entertainment Software Rating Board. Its ratings system is roughly comparable to the Motion Picture Association of America’s system for movies. “All of the blockbuster games this year are M (mature)-rated,” Kent said.

One explanation is that the age of the average video game player has risen from 10 to 29 since the American debut of the Nintendo Entertainment System in 1986, according to industry figures. While players of tame, early standbys, such as “Duck Hunt” for Nintendo, set their sights on cartoon birds, players of this season’s top seller, “Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas,” aim various firearms



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Dr. David Walsh, Director of the National Institute on Media & Family, right, and Senator Joseph Lieberman (D-CT) discuss violent video games and the newly released JFK Reloaded during a press conference on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C., last week.

at realistic human targets with grisly results.

Rockstar Games, maker of “Grand Theft Auto,” makes no bones about its target audience.

“We strongly support efforts to keep games intended for an adult audience from children,” the company said in e-mailed statement Tuesday. “Grand Theft Auto” “is only intended for adults who can appreciate its mature themes.”

Kent acknowledged that “the majority of people who are going to play ‘Grand Theft Auto’ can also walk into a bar and order a beer.”

But the popularity of such games has led to increased concern about children getting their hands on mature titles, and video game retailers have

tried to restrict the sale of violent or sexual games to children. The Interactive Entertainment Merchants Association, which represents 85 percent of the nation’s retailers, has pushed self-regulation among its members, barring children under 17 from buying M-rated titles and children under 18 from buying games rated AO (adults only).

IEMA President Hal Halprin said the organization has made progress but has a long way to go.

“The ESRB rating system is very effective; the problem is in educating parents as well as store personnel,” Halprin said. “The rating system has simply not had the time to sink into the collective unconscious the way the MPAA ratings system has.”

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ers. The producers at Fox Sports cut to the “celebrity” commercial figure during one of the games itself. And that’s where I draw the line — when it directly alters the enjoyment of the game.

Televised sports should be just that — sports, with just enough commercialization to make the broadcast profitable. Reality television will never truly be reality — that’s what PBS documentaries are for. The boundary between news and advertising, however, is a line that has been crossed before, and I uselessly pray it will not be crossed again.

On two memorable occasions, “Dateline NBC” has crassly used its position as the premiere newsmagazine on its network to promote its own product. Last spring, there was a two-hour “Dateline NBC Exclusive” in which they interviewed the cast members of “Friends” to commemorate the end of the show. This past Thanksgiving week-

end, the newsmagazine highlighted the career of retiring NBC anchor Tom Brokaw. What happened to being impartial in news reporting? Granted, these glamorized promos weren’t being aired on “NBC Nightly News,” but as long as the network labels “Dateline NBC” as a newsmagazine, they should stay away from waxing familiar on their own programs.

Lastly, for one of my research papers due in a couple of weeks, I’ve been listening to old radio programs from the 1940s. Every show had a distinct sponsor — Jack Benny had Jell-O, Bob Hope had Bromo Seltzer. On top of that, countless tobacco companies bought up ad-time such that certain shows were immediately associated with those products.

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EDITORIAL

Heads up, drinks down

With finals rapidly approaching, Tufts students are experiencing academic intensity that can be as brutal and draining as the cold New England air. With winter finals also comes the familiar tradition of the Naked Quad Run, when a large segment of a stressed-out student body is able to let loose and have fun before exams hit full force.

Before Jumbos pick up their party hats, however, they should think about the effects that their partying has on both the host community and the University.

Students often take great pride in having a "work hard, party hard" ethic while on the Hill. After hitting the books and crunching numbers all week, they believe that they are entitled to unwind when the weekend rolls around.

This argument in and of itself is not problematic, and there are very few people who think that they don't deserve a small break from their work. The problem is when a small break, a little party and a few too many drinks combine to transform students into loud and obnoxious drunkards. All too often, it seems

that Jumbos let having a good time affect being good people and good neighbors. This is harmful to students as individuals, to the University community as a whole and to our non-Tufts neighbors.

Of course, individual students risk personal harm and perhaps criminal or University sanctions when the party gets out of control. Perhaps more important — as well as less obvious — is that asinine students who lose control put having another beer before maintaining a basic sense of humanity. This pleasure-seeking behavior is not only unlikely to result in pleasure, but is also liable to result in torn friendships and angry neighbors.

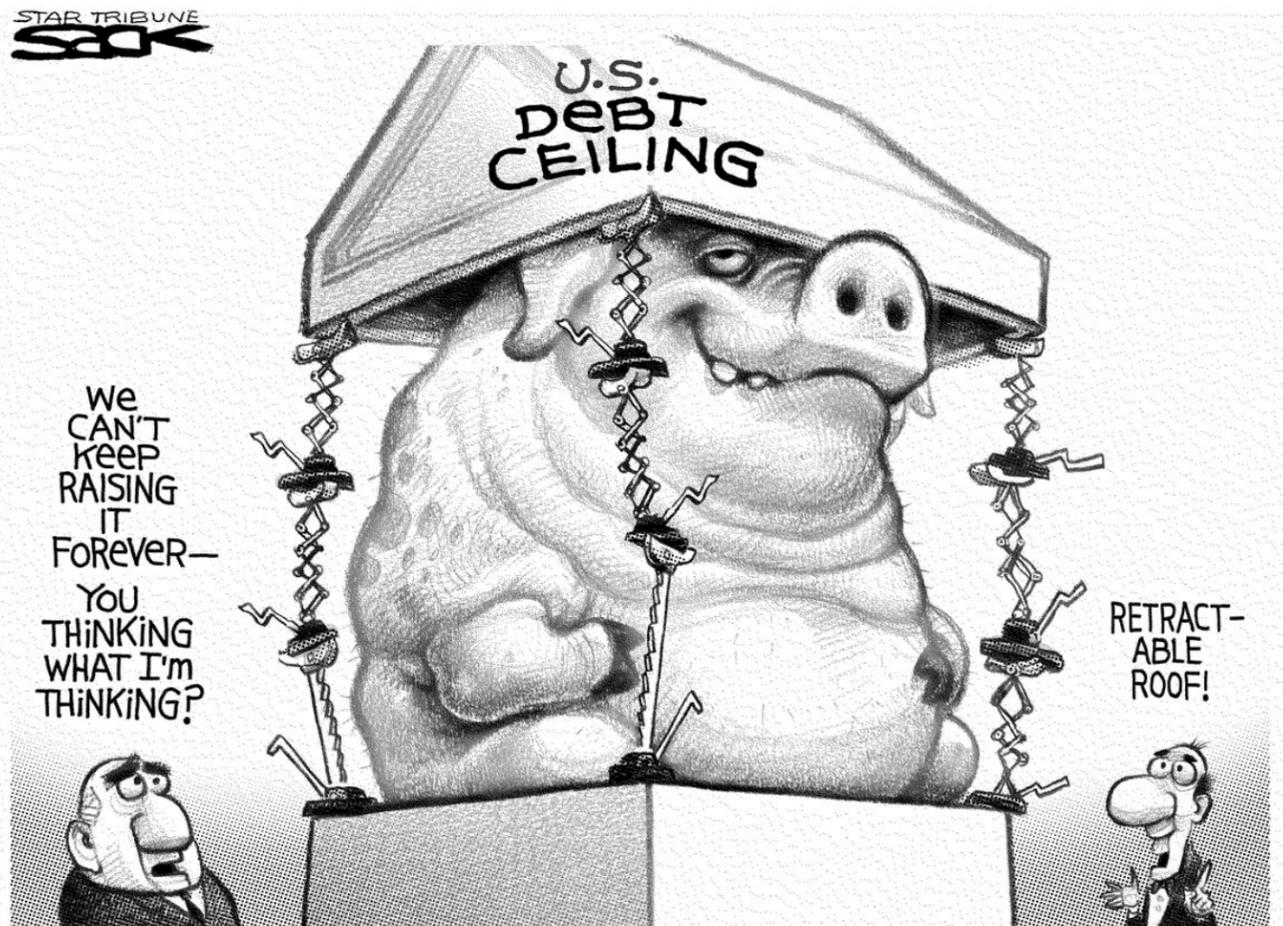
Every individual who behaves badly while partying is contributing to a negative perception of this University. Everyone at this school, and most people in the area, know that Tufts is one of the best schools around. The problem is that on party nights, students behave less like the cream of America's academic crop and more like the bottom of the barrel. Think about the University you would want your parents to see: the one that

exists in the middle of the week or the one with the scattered beer cans and discarded cases that litter this campus on Sunday mornings.

The neighbors, of course, notice, and who could blame them? Who would want to wake up at 2 a.m. to find a beligerent stranger vomiting on their lawn? These people work hard and expect to spend their weekends as they please, without having to deal with herds of drunken students trampling their lawns. They are absolutely justified in these expectations.

This is not to suggest that Tufts students should not have a good time; it is merely to emphasize that diversion should not come at the expense of humanity and humility. Two years ago at the Naked Quad Run, the community saw what happens when a group of students gets too carried away — students get hurt, traditions are threatened and neighbors become disgusted. It is now up to the Jumbos to show that while they may occasionally party hard, they will always party right.

STEVE SACK



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students losing their humanity

I just read with alarm and dismay the article in The Tufts Daily about President Bacow's recent meeting with students, in which the main subject, apparently, was how much the University should interfere with students' drinking ("Students speak with Bacow, vent about campus social life, restrictions," Nov. 17).

Now as far as I could tell from the article, the emphasis in the conversation, or at any rate the students' emphasis, was not on the right things.

I am a new assistant professor in the philosophy department, and we rent a house on Sawyer Avenue. We chose to rent a house right on campus so that I could be close to my family, and also because I wanted to be able to invest my time in my new job as much as possible. But perhaps even more important than all that was our experience during the time that I taught at the University of Chicago.

There, most students and faculty live in the relatively small neighborhood of Hyde Park, and this creates a wonderful sense of community — you get to meet your students on the street and in the local shops and restaurants, and they get to see you outside of the classroom, living your everyday life with your family and friends. We were hoping for something similar to happen here. Pretty soon, however, when the new academic year opened, our life in that house on Sawyer Avenue turned into a nightmare.

Every Friday and Saturday, and sometimes on Thursdays too, there is horrible noise, mostly drunken shouting. We've had students swarming our backyard on several occasions; we've had vomit on our front step; we've had broken glass in front of the house; and every Sunday morning, the street is trashed beyond recognition.

When I came here, I wanted so very much to like my students; and I should say that when I meet with them in the classroom, they are extremely likable and engaging. But on the few occasions on

which I had to go outside in the middle of the night to plead with them to let my children sleep, I encountered an altogether different kind of human being; all the day's charm had disappeared, and I was met with rudeness, downright dumbness and aggressiveness.

The issue, I think, is not drinking. The issue is the students' total disregard for their neighbors. I find it appalling, for example, that people so bright, so fortunate and so fundamentally sensitive to the world can come to a point in which they do not mind having University workers clean up the street after them, or in which they do not care that a child might get hurt from broken glass that they left in front of someone's home, or do not worry about waking up their neighbors with their shouting.

It's one thing to drink; it's quite another thing to lose your humanity as a result of doing so.

Avner Baz
Assistant Professor,

CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, an article yesterday misspelled the name of the director of the Tufts Community Health program. It is Edith Balbach, not Balback.

If you see an error in the Daily, e-mail daily@tuftsdaily.com.

STEPHAN VITVITSKY |
GLOBAL FORUM



Finally, Ukraine's spotlight

When you think of Ukraine, what do you think of? Maybe it's Chernobyl, the worst nuclear disaster in the history of the world. Or maybe you think of the allegations that Ukraine's outgoing president, Leonid Kuchma, sold radar systems to Saddam Hussein just months before the war began. Or maybe nothing comes to mind when Ukraine is mentioned, if at all, in conversation.

Yet in the past week, the chaos surrounding the Presidential election results between former Prime Minister Victor Yushchenko and current Prime Minister Victor Yanukovich has appeared on the front page of every major newspaper in the country. Ukraine has made little world-scale news since it gained its independence in 1991, after the fall of the Soviet Union. But now, in the words of President Bush: "The world is watching."

And finally, the world is watching for a good reason — not because of a nuclear catastrophe. Hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians have turned out in Kiev to protest the results of an election that has been marred by blatant election fraud. Current Prime Minister Yanukovich, who has the support of outgoing President Kuchma and the Russian Czar, I mean President, Vladimir Putin, allegedly defeated opposition leader Victor Yushchenko by a mere three percentage points. But a laundry list of election fraud allegations, based on the reports of every Western election monitor organization, has sparked a revolution in Ukraine.

The vast majority of alleged election fraud has taken place in Eastern and Southern Ukraine, which is the stronghold of alleged winner Yanukovich. Several techniques have been used by Yanukovich supporters to falsify the elections, including multiple voting, voter intimidation and post-election vote tampering. Certain regions in the East had abnormally high voter turnout percentages of over 95 percent. There were even allegations that voting stations were supplying Yushchenko supporters with "magic" ink that disappeared minutes after being used to mark ballots. In other words, the list goes on and on of how obviously tainted the election was in Yanukovich's favor.

Ukraine, like Russia and Belarus, is a relatively new democracy and by no means comes close to resembling a Western, liberal democracy. Outgoing presidents, like Kuchma, will select and endorse their successors and will not even attempt to hide government bias. State-controlled media will feed the population propaganda to boost the prospects of the government-backed candidate and put down the voice of opposition. The president will also help fund his preferred

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OFF THE HILL | UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

State must protect even the worst felons

BY JAMIE SHOOKMAN
Badger Herald

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — Last week's Thanksgiving Thursday served to represent a great event in our country's history — one of giving, one of sacrifice and one of survival. Yet last week also laid witness to a tragedy, as six hunters were killed in northern Wisconsin by a fellow hunter on a senseless, gruesome rampage.

Accompanying this appalling event was yet another reminder that even here, amid the dairy farms and supposed laid-back Midwest atmosphere, Wisconsin's history has a dark side.

Sunday marked the 10-year anniversary of an infamous Wisconsin man's death. Jeffrey Dahmer, the most notorious serial killer in our state's history, was killed by a fellow inmate at the Columbia County Correctional Institute in Portage, Wis.

The story of Jeffrey Dahmer shows that a code exists even among criminals. The code isn't black and white, but in certain cases, like that of Dahmer and last week's massacre, a crime is so far beyond what even criminals see as acceptable that a convict becomes an immediate target in prison. Consequently, Dahmer's time in jail was short-lived.

Soon after entering the Columbia County Correctional



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Institute, Dahmer started meeting with a chaplain, attending weekly Bible studies and showing a desire to be baptized. On May 10, 1994, Roy Ratcliff baptized Dahmer, instigating a wave of controversy both within and outside the prison. Many questioned the purpose of bap-

tizing a serial killer, and the criticism further ostracized Dahmer from the rest of the prisoners.

Following the baptism, Dahmer was attacked by a fellow inmate at one of his Bible studies. It was apparent that Dahmer wasn't safe among the

rest of the prisoners, and he was placed in isolation to ensure his security. Yet on Nov. 28, 1994, Dahmer was killed by an inmate, and while the events surrounding his actual death are still uncertain, it is clear that

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OFF THE HILL | KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

Bending of genders threatens society

BY TONY COX
Daily Kent Stater

(U-WIRE) KENT, Ohio — It seems strange to me that one of the most frequently cited reasons for the acceptance of gay marriage (and homosexual culture in general) is that one person's sexual preference does not have an impact on society at large: "It doesn't affect you; let people live their lives, you bigot!"

Interesting. Explain, then, the recent happenings at the University of Washington, which are reflective of changes occurring across the country at many institutions of higher education. There, the university has determined to do away with the traditional approach to homecoming. They opted to have, rather than a homecoming queen and king, homecoming "royalty."

But wait, it gets worse.

The Nov. 27 NYTimes.com article that featured this recent spectacle also profiled Everett Moran, a gay student at Vanderbilt University. Mr. Moran ran for homecoming queen — that's right, *queen* — and arrived at the annual homecoming football game dressed in drag. That's right: high heels, wig, dress — the whole enchilada. I'm sure the alumni were thrilled.

This sort of thing is happening all across the country. At St. Cloud State University in Minnesota, students elected a gay man as homecoming queen. In years gone by, similar instances have occurred at New Mexico State and Southwest Texas State University.

And it's not limited to colleges. At Sweetwater High School in National City, California, a lesbian was elected homecoming king and donned a tuxedo for the celebration. San Francisco's Hayward High School featured another girl who was elected homecoming king. Although the girl at Hayward was straight,

this sort of gender-bending insanity has become the modus operandi for many homosexual activists, and it's hard to imagine them taking issue with it. Many high schools now feature separate homosexual proms.

"I really just wanted to put it in everyone's face," Mr. Moran told NYTimes.com.

Hold the phone! This is miles away from the traditional "live and let live" battlecry of so many homosexual rights activists, and it is revealing of the true nature of the homosexual agenda. For militant homosexuals, tolerance isn't enough. To hell with your oppressive traditions, they say — we're going to remake the entire social order.

Another example is the St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City. Much has been made in recent years about the fact that homosexual activist groups are not allowed to march in the parade. Imagine that! A parade in honor of a Catholic saint for a Catholic holiday excludes people who openly denounce the Catholic doctrine on sexual morality.

These are the real reasons why most Americans justifiably feel threatened by the radicalism of many in the homosexual community. It's not a matter of "you go your way, I'll go mine" anymore. People like Everett Moran have taken the next step. This, coupled with liberal judicial activism, have forced traditionalists into a corner where the only options are measures like constitutional amendments and the Defense of Marriage Act.

Homecoming ceremonies and parades may seem like small potatoes, but Americans usually hold the simplest things in the highest regard. If the homosexual community wishes to avoid permanent marginalization, they should consider if they really want genuine toleration or social revolution.

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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

NASA's new budget is reasonable

BY JIM FOREMAN
The Battalion

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION, Texas — The recent approval of NASA's six percent budget increase has taken a lot of flak in the political arena and the scientific community, but both groups, for one reason or another, fail to see the scope of President Bush's vision for future space exploration.

The House of Representatives voted in favor of the budget increase 344 to 51, but some complained that the two-foot-thick stack of budget documents it came with gave them almost no time to review it thoroughly, according to Florida Today. NASA has been repeatedly given the congressional cold shoulder when it comes to lobbying for investments, but since Bush made his bold announcement that NASA would be getting all the help it needs, it seems that Congress is grudgingly and unwillingly supporting the measure. More than likely, members of Congress would much rather see that money go toward their annual salary increase and retirement pension (congressmen don't use social security).

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Ukrainian election a far cry from Western democracies'

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candidate's campaign to the utmost extent, as well as ignore blatant election fraud if his candidate benefits. So, being the opposition candidate is an absolute nightmare, as he or she does not have access to sufficient funding, a fair and unbiased media and most importantly, a trustworthy election commission.

Hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians have turned out in Kiev to protest the results of an election that has been marred by blatant election fraud.

This electoral process is a far cry from the mostly fair and unbiased elections of the West. Yet the massive protests staged

by supporters of Yushchenko suggest that the population of Ukraine is sick and tired of the status quo. Ukrainians are demanding free and fair elections that simply do not exist in Russia and Belarus, and as a result Ukraine is beginning to resemble the liberal democracies of the West. A sea of orange, Yushchenko's campaign color, has engulfed Kiev and blockaded government buildings, making the color a symbol of democracy.

As a result of these incredible circumstances, the international headlines coming out of Ukraine are no longer dominated by major catastrophes. Though the world is now viewing a country in turmoil, one cannot overlook the hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians who have boycotted their jobs and braved freezing-cold temperatures to demand fair elections. For the first time since Ukraine gained independence in 1991, Ukrainians and the worldwide Ukrainian diaspora can hold their heads up in pride.

State must protect even the worst felons

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Dahmer was rejected by the rest of the prison society.

Dahmer was an outsider among thieves, rapists and murderers because his crimes went beyond breaking the law; his actions showed a complete disregard for human decency. Dahmer killed for no other reason than the act itself, horrifically maiming his victims in sixteen different murders. His actions were so far outside what is typical, even for convicted criminals, that he was a target as soon as he entered prison.

Now 10 years after his killings, Jeffrey Dahmer is a household name, and his perverse, sadistic life has reached legendary status.

Yet the killings of this year's hunting season have left everyone still trying to grasp exactly what happened and what this means for the sport of hunting.

Chai Vang was arrested last week, and is soon to be charged for the murders of six hunters and the shooting of two others. The incident supposedly started after a disagreement regard-

ing a tree stand on private land in Sawyer County, after which Vang shot a group of unsuspecting hunters and continued shooting those coming to their aid. It is undisputed that Vang is responsible for the deaths, and as Wisconsin does not carry the death penalty as a punishment, he will likely receive life in prison.

Upon entering prison, Vang will be as much of a target as Dahmer. In a state with deer hunting ingrained in its culture, Vang's actions are as — if not more — appalling than Dahmer's. Vang's murders were randomly committed against a group composed largely of unarmed men, some of which were chased down before being shot.

Hunting season requires recognition of numerous regulations and a general, unwritten respect for fellow hunters to ensure everyone's safety and success in the few short weekends allotted each year. Even those without hunters in the family know friends, neighbors and various members of their community that partake in

deer-hunting season. Deer hunting is a Wisconsin tradition that has never witnessed a massacre like it observed last week.

Despite Vang's crimes, he is still a human deserving of protection under the law: He should be placed in isolation immediately upon entering prison or he will likely suffer Dahmer's fate, potentially in an even shorter period of time.

Some crimes are too horrible for even criminals to comprehend.

When the shock of last week wears off, what will be left is a sick man that committed an act so far outside the confines of the law and so detrimental to an activity inherent in Wisconsin's culture that Vang will be an immediate target by the rest of his inmates. Vang will therefore be a criminal that even the criminals abhor.

Though he has shown complete disregard for human life, the state must walk a higher ground and provide him extra protection in what will inevitably be a volatile environment in prison.

NASA's 6 percent budget increase does not deserve recent harsh criticism

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To make matters worse, many members of the scientific community are opposed to Bush's agenda to put men back on the moon and then on Mars. "A stark financial and resource refocusing is underway at NASA, in which robotic efforts will be planned less for pure science and more for supporting future human spaceflight," said Space.com writer Robert Britt. In layman's terms, scientists are upset because their brilliant robots and ingenious machines of science will be replaced, in an unexpected twist of fate, by

astronauts bound for nearby planets rather than undiscovered ones. Understandably, they would like to see as much hard science per dollar spent as possible, but without anything tangible to show for their efforts, it's going to be hard to demonstrate a need for a space program in the future. People just don't get excited about space dust like they used to.

When Bush announced his plans for NASA he said, "Mankind is drawn to the heavens for the same reason we were once drawn into unknown lands and across the open sea. We choose to explore space

because doing so improves our lives and lifts our national spirit." In the shadow of a war, a space shuttle accident and terrorist attacks, one would think seeing an American on the moon again would give the United States something to smile about.

It is true that in the face of tragedy, people come together, but it doesn't always have to be that way. Perhaps it has been forgotten that the great achievements of a handful of individuals can have the same, if not greater, effect.

Skepticism is a resource that is inexhaustible, but regardless of what the

politicians and scientists think or say, the money being appropriated to NASA should be considered a sound investment. It will supplement the thousands of jobs that NASA has created and, in turn will spend more money that will bolster the economy. It will also seed the ingenuity and creativity of the NASA engineers, with whom the possibilities are endless. The space shuttles will once again be able to fly until they are decommissioned by their long overdue replacements, and America will once again lead the world in exploration.



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Bush taps Kellogg chief executive Carlos Gutierrez to lead Commerce Department

BY CORBETT DALY
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — President Bush announced yesterday that Carlos Gutierrez, Kellogg Co.'s chief executive, would replace Don Evans as Commerce Secretary, making the first of what are expected to be many changes in his economic team.

"Carlos Gutierrez is one of America's most respected business leaders," Bush said at the official announcement in the Roosevelt Room of the White House.

"He knows exactly what it takes to help American businesses grow and to create jobs," Bush said, adding that the Cuban-American "understands the world of business from the first rung on the ladder to the very top."

Gutierrez, 51, has been CEO at Battle Creek, Michigan-based Kellogg (K) since April 1999. Kellogg shares fell 51 cents immediately after news broke that the cereal maker would lose its leader and closed at \$43.47, down \$1.54, or 3.4 percent.

"In Carlos Gutierrez, the Department of Commerce will have an experienced manager and an innovative leader," Bush said. Read more about his tenure at Kellogg in the box to the right.

In brief remarks, Gutierrez said he

was "honored" to be chosen for the job.

"Mr. President, I believe passionately in your vision of a 21st century where America is the best country in the world with which to do business," Gutierrez said, with a beaming Bush at his side.

Bush has set an ambitious domestic agenda for his second term, and the Gutierrez announcement is the first of what is likely to be a wholesale makeover of the administration's economic team.

The White House has already announced that top economic advisor Stephen Friedman is leaving, but a successor has not been named. Tim Adams, former chief of staff at the Treasury and most recently policy director at the Bush-Cheney re-election campaign, is considered a possible replacement.

And N. Gregory Mankiw, who caused a stir last year when he said "outsourcing" jobs overseas was beneficial to the American economy, is expected to leave his job as chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisors and return to Harvard University. American Enterprise Institute scholar Kevin Hassett, who advised the Bush-Cheney campaign, is seen as a possible replacement.

Treasury Secretary John Snow is staying with the administration for the short

term, but will be replaced sometime next year.

Asked yesterday how Bush feels about Snow's tenure, after a published report suggested Snow should start brushing up his resume, White House spokesman Scott McClellan offered only a lukewarm assessment of the former railroad executive.

Bush "appreciates the job that Secretary Snow is doing to help implement the economic agenda the president has pursued," McClellan said. White House chief of staff Andrew Card is considered a possible replacement for Snow.

White House budget chief Josh Bolten, who had been deputy chief of staff, is likely to be the only one to stay with the administration, and he may get a new post.

Gutierrez drew immediate praise from the former head of the Business Roundtable, a Washington organization of the nation's top chief executives.

"Carlos is a superb choice to head this important department and join the president's economic team. He has deftly managed the Kellogg Company through both strong and weak economic currents," said John Dillon, former chairman and CEO of International Paper Co.



Carlos Gutierrez
Nominee for Secretary of Commerce.

Early years

Born Nov. 4, 1953, in Havana, Cuba; family fled Cuba in 1960
Studied business at Monterrey Institute of Technology, Queretaro, Mexico

Career

Spent entirely at Kellogg Co.; some highlights:
1975 Sales representative, Mexico City
1980s Several international marketing positions
1990s Executive vice president, Kellogg USA
1998 President and chief operating officer
1999 Chief executive officer
2000 Board chairman
Source: Kellogg, AP, KRT Photo Service © 2004 KRT

Christmas tree from Virginia arrives at U.S. Capitol

WASHINGTON — A helicopter extraction from a mountaintop forest. Two miles of parachute cord. A police escort.

A hostage rescue? Not quite. Just a few of the preparations necessary to get the U.S. Capitol's Christmas tree from Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains to the nation's capital Monday.

"The hardest part of the whole trip was just getting everything lined up," said Keith Garman, the service manager for Camrett Logistics, the company in Rural Retreat, Va., that volunteered a semi truck to transport the 67-foot red spruce from George Washington National Forest to the Capitol's lawn. Cut down Nov. 2, the tree visited more than 30 Virginia towns en route to Washington.

Federal lawmakers adopted the tradition of the Capitol Christmas tree in 1964. Since 1970, it's been cut from Forest Service land, and this year's is the first from Virginia.

With help from the Capitol Architect's office, Forest Service officials whittled the pool of eligible native Virginian evergreens to one 79-year-old spruce last July. Once cut, a helicopter plucked it from the forest. Workers tied its branches with parachute cord and steered it onto Camrett's specially-built flatbed trailer for highway transport.

The White House's Christmas tree, a comparatively small 18-and-a-half-foot Noble fir donated by John and Carol Tillman of Rochester, Wash., also arrived Monday. First lady Laura Bush received the tree, which was delivered by horse-drawn wagon.



WASHINGTON, DC — Workers secure the Capitol Christmas Tree on the West Lawn of the building yesterday.

On Monday morning, a crane eased the mammoth Capitol spruce into position on the Capitol's lawn, where it now sits in a poured concrete footing, five feet deep. It'll be decorated with 5,000 oversized ornaments — made mostly by Virginia schoolchildren — and 10,000 light bulbs before Dec. 9, when

House Speaker Dennis Hastert will preside over its ceremonial lighting.

"We're very proud of it," Catherine Humphrey of Pulaski, Va., said as she watched its arrival with her sister, Elaine Petersen of Alexandria, Va.

—Knight Ridder Newspapers

Minor discrepancies in S. Florida precincts

BY ALFONSO CHARDY
AND DAVID KIDWELL
Knight Ridder Newspapers

MIAMI — When Broward County officials discovered a computer glitch that miscounted thousands of absentee ballots just two days after the election, fears immediately surfaced about the accuracy of all electronic returns in Florida.

But a check of 18 polling precincts selected at random by Miami Herald reporters in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties revealed no major discrepancy between the number of voters who signed in on Election Day and the number of votes counted by electronic machines.

Herald reporters found minor discrepancies in many precincts, typically a difference of a handful

or so between the number of voters who signed in and the number of ballots counted. Election officials gave several explanations, such as voters whose failure to sign in was not detected by poll workers.

Officials maintain there is no evidence to suggest that the vote was compromised or that Broward's glitch was more than a one-time anomaly.

"We have not noted any discrepancies on this end, and the minor discrepancies that you were talking about are handled at the local level by the supervisors of elections," said Jenny Nash, press secretary for Florida Secretary of State Glenda Hood.

The state's canvassing board certified the election Nov. 14, for-

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Drug prevents gallstones

BY SUE GOETINCK AMBROSE
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Dallas scientists have used a drug to prevent gallstones from forming in laboratory mice. The findings could lead to another weapon to combat gallstone disease, which every year requires that 500,000 Americans to have their gallbladders removed.

Scientists at the University of Texas (UT) Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas gave mice a drug that altered the composition of their bile, the greenish liquid stored in the gallbladder that helps rid the body of cholesterol. With the drug treatment, mice ordinarily prone to form gallstones showed no signs of the disease.

"This is another potential agent," said Dr. Martin Carey, a gastroenterologist at Harvard University Medical School and

Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. "The richer our approach for prevention, the better human beings are going to be."

The new research, published online last week in the journal *Nature Medicine*, focused on cholesterol gallstones, the most common type of gallstones afflicting people. Cholesterol gallstones are common in older people, run in families and are more common in women and people who are overweight.

The stones form when the bile accumulates too much cholesterol or too little of the other two main ingredients, substances known as bile acids and phospholipids. Under these conditions, cholesterol clumps into tiny crystals, which eventually enlarge to form stones. The gallstones can block the flow of bile and cause inflammation in the gallbladder

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Glitch in absentee ballot voting investigated

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mally declaring George W. Bush the winner in Florida over John Kerry by nearly 381,000 votes, a tally that helped the GOP maintain its hold on the White House.

Fears about the electronic count arose Nov. 4, when Broward authorities discovered the absentee ballot glitch.

Officials say the ballot machine software started to subtract votes after the absentee tally hit 32,500. Such ceilings are sometimes set to safeguard against ballot stuffing, but the limit should not have been in place for a bushel of absentee ballots that clearly exceeded the threshold.

After correcting the error, officials discovered thousands of "missing" votes for five proposed state constitutional amendments. As a result, the outcome on Amendment 4, to allow a referendum on introducing slot machines at parimutuels in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties, was reversed, and the amendment was approved. Counts on the other questions had to be adjusted, but the outcomes were not affected.

The glitch was traced to software in the central tabulation machine, which collects data from optical scanners that read individual mail-in ballots.

Broward officials blamed Election Systems & Software, the company that sold the machines and software, for not fixing a glitch first brought to the firm's attention in 2002. Company spokeswoman Becky Vollmer has said the flaw will be fixed in updates.

The error once again triggered concern about the integrity of voting in Florida, which was plagued by widespread Election Day snafus in 2000.

There is no way to recount ballots manually in the current electronic, touch-screen systems used in South Florida.

To check whether this was a one-time flaw or a sign of larger woes, Herald reporters back-checked the tally by counting about 10,000 voter signatures at 18 randomly selected precincts in South Florida, and then comparing those numbers to the actual vote total.

In three precincts — two in Palm Beach, one in Broward — the

numbers were identical. In 15 others across the three counties, the number of signatures differed from the final electronic tally — typically by one to five votes. The largest disparity was 26 in one Broward precinct and 10 in one Miami-Dade precinct.

Seth Kaplan, a spokesman for the Miami-Dade Elections Department, said discrepancies likely stemmed from a few people who signed in but didn't vote, or some who failed to sign in, with that going unnoticed by poll workers.

Broward officials added a third explanation: voters who moved and did not advise the department of an address change, meaning that their names did not appear on the signature register, although their votes did count.

Meantime, Congress' investigative arm, the Government Accountability Office, said last week it will review the Nov. 2 vote count nationwide. House Democrats who pressed for such a review had cited Broward's gambling measure mix-up as one of several voting problems across the United States.



ELIZABETH FLORES/KRT

Waukesha Alderman Randy Radish sifts through boxes of food and personal items that will be shipped to Waukesha-based troops.

Mail to Iraq comes at a price

BY DARRYL ENRIQUEZ
Knight Ridder Newspapers

MILWAUKEE — As kindhearted and patriotic supporters of U.S. troops are learning, generosity has its price. The cost is about a buck a pound.

Business firms, hospitals, schools and police are among those who have experienced the sticker shock of sending packages to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

And, as in any mission, those who plan ahead tend to suffer the fewest casualties.

Campaigns that have worked hard for cash donations to ship the gathered goods are reaching their goals, while others that lack money have become bogged down, with donated supplies sitting in storage.

Dennis Mehring, public information officer for the 440th Airlift Wing in Milwaukee, said he gets at least two calls daily from groups that have collected goods and want to know if the unit's cargo planes can haul their packages to the troops for free.

The Airlift Wing transports troops and supplies to bases throughout the world, including the Arabian war zones.

"There's not a lot we can do for them," he said. "Federal law does not allow us to take these goods overseas. It's considered unfair competition with civilian carriers. And we simply don't have the room in our planes."

One effort that's managed to stay on top of its shipping costs is Marshall Towne Millwork of Brookfield, Wis., a maker of kitchen, bathroom and storage cabinets.

"If you're going to do a big drive, you'd better get cooperation from local businesses to handle shipping costs," said Victor Aiello, the firm's area sales manager. "There's a lot of support in the communities for troops, and when word gets out about a drive, people are giving."

"However, the postage is significant — about a buck a pound. If organizers on the front end ask for cash for shipping, I'm confident there'd be a willing response," he said.

Drug effectively prevents gallstones in mice

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or its duct, and more rarely in the liver or pancreas.

Many people have gallstones and no symptoms. But when symptoms such as pain and fever occur, the most common treatment is removal of the gallbladder. Medications to dissolve small stones exist, but successful treatment can take more than a year.

In the new research, UT Southwestern biologist David Mangelsdorf and his colleagues gave mice a drug that stimulated a

biochemical pathway controlling the liver's production of bile acids. Even though the mice were fed a cholesterol-rich diet that causes gallstones, no stones developed.

To be used as medicine in people, scientists would have to come up with ways to predict who will get gallstones.

"The treatment [in this study] prevents cholesterol gallstone disease," Dr. Mangelsdorf said. "But there's no evidence that it can dissolve gallstones."

Other possible hurdles exist, said Harvard's Dr. Carey. The drug

targets a molecule controlling many processes that affect cholesterol levels, and unexpected side effects could occur.

"Would this work in humans? Yes, I think so," he said. "But what are the consequences? This is a really big master control switch."

Other UT Southwestern researchers who participated in the study were Antonio Moschetta and Angie Bookout. They, along with Dr. Mangelsdorf, are also researchers with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

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Eight policemen killed in Iraq suicide bombing

BY YASSER SALIHEE
Knight Ridder Newspapers

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A terrorist drove his bomb-rigged black Opel sedan into a crowd of policemen in western Iraq yesterday, killing eight officers and wounding nine others, and three U.S. soldiers died in other incidents around the nation.

The suicide bombing underscored how anti-U.S. insurgents are seeking to kill recruits to the nascent Iraqi police force while avoiding combat with better-protected U.S., British and Iraqi army troops.

The bombing occurred at a police station in Baghdad, 125 miles west of the capital, Interior Ministry Col. Adnon

Abdul Rahman said.

"He drove full speed into a crowd of 30 policemen who were lined up to receive their salaries," Rahman said. He added that most of the injured were in critical condition.

Baghdad lies within the Sunni Triangle, the insurgent stronghold dominated by minority Sunni Muslims, who ruled Iraq under the ousted regime of Saddam Hussein.

In other violence, two U.S. soldiers died and three others were wounded when their patrol hit a bomb in northwestern Baghdad, a U.S. military statement said.

Another U.S. soldier died and two others were injured in a vehicular accident near Kut, in southern Iraq.

And four Iraqi civilians were wounded when a bomb exploded near a U.S. military convoy in Baghdad, Rahman said.

U.S. Marines and Iraqi forces discovered a large stockpile of mortars, artillery rounds and rockets in the troubled area along the Euphrates River south of Baghdad. They arrested 32 "suspected anti-Iraqi militants," the Marines announced yesterday. A joint operation by 5,000 U.S., British and Iraqi forces began last week in the lawless area.

Violence along the highway from central Baghdad to its airport has become so perilous from sniper attacks and car bombings that British diplomats have "ceased all movements" along the road, the British government said yesterday.

In northern Iraq around Mosul, Iraq's

third-largest city, constant insurgent attacks on police stations have been so intense this month that only about 1,100 of the 4,000 officers posted there now turn up for work each day. Sixty bodies have turned up around the city in the last two weeks, some of them members of the security forces.

Brig. Gen. Carter Ham, the top U.S. commander in northwest Iraq, said the violence could imperil voting in parts of Mosul, although he said he thinks the security situation will improve before the nationwide vote on Jan. 30.

"Without the numbers of Iraqi police that we would like to have, it significantly increases the level of difficulty of establishing the environment we need for elections," Ham told the BBC.

Distributing the rations



DAVID P. GILKEY/KRT

DARFUR, SUDAN — Workers with the United Nations World Food Program measure out food rations from a central distribution point in the Abu Shouk refugee camp in Northern Darfur, Sudan, yesterday. The humanitarian crisis in Darfur is expected to last well in to next year as the delivery and production of food is becoming increasingly difficult due to the ongoing violence and insecurity across the region.

The United Nations Food Program distributes food monthly to Darfuri refugees. The conflict in Darfur has been spinning out of control for 20 months as government backed fighters, known Janjaweed, engage in wave after wave of terror against natives of the Darfur region.

Free-trade pact between China, Southeast Asians

BY MICHAEL A. LEV
Knight Ridder Newspapers

BEIJING — China and the major Southeast Asian countries yesterday signed a high-profile agreement to create what would become the world's largest free-trade zone, a deal that illustrates the power of economic interests to promote political cooperation.

Meeting in Laos, the 10 members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN, concluded two years of negotiations with an agreement to begin reducing trade tariffs and move toward the creation of an open market of 2 billion people by 2010.

ASEAN is expected to start work on similar accords with Japan and South Korea, and it may also sign a cooperative deal with India.

China has been aggressively courting Asian countries as economic and political partners, both to expand its trade base and investment base and to strengthen its diplomatic muscle.

The free-trade zone is being billed as potentially the world's largest, creating a single market to rival Europe or the United States, though the countries of ASEAN are generally decades behind the West in development. The site of the ASEAN conference, the Laotian capital of Vientiane, had no five-star hotel until one was built for the summit.

Politically, ASEAN has its troubles. The Philippines and Thailand are dealing with low-grade Muslim insurgencies, while Myanmar is a pariah state because the military junta that controls the country refuses to recognize the need to reform.

The leader of Myanmar's democracy movement, Aung San Suu Kyi, has spent considerable time under house arrest in the years since an election she won in 1990 was nullified. She has been detained by the junta since last year, and her political party said over the weekend that she expected to remain in custody at least until September.

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Outgoing Ukrainian president says new vote is a possibility

by Alex Rodriguez
Knight Ridder Newspapers

KIEV, Ukraine — Faced with the prospect of breakaway regions and a burgeoning financial crisis, outgoing President Leonid Kuchma signaled a willingness yesterday to acquiesce to opposition demands for a new presidential election, a move that even Ukraine's disputed presidential victor was willing to accept in two key eastern provinces.

"If we really want to preserve peace and accord, and if we really want to build up the democratic society we talk about so much, let's organize new elections," Kuchma said.

The statement represented a major retreat by Kuchma, who zealously backed Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich as the winner in the hotly disputed Nov. 21 presidential runoff, an election that opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko, international observers and Western governments say was marred by widespread election fraud.

He made the remarks after

speaking by telephone with U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, who urged the Ukrainian leader to find a peaceful solution to the crisis, one that abides by Ukraine's constitution. Powell also urged Kuchma to maintain Ukraine's territorial integrity in the face of threats from pro-Yanukovich provinces in the east to secede if Yushchenko were named president.

Yanukovich also backtracked yesterday, saying he would agree to new balloting in the Donetsk and Luhansk provinces in eastern Ukraine, both staunchly pro-Yanukovich regions where Yushchenko has alleged widespread election fraud took place that favored Yanukovich.

Yanukovich qualified his remarks by saying allegations of election fraud in those two regions would have to be proved before he would agree to new balloting.

Taken together, the statements of Yanukovich and Kuchma marked a dramatic shift in strategy in the face of hundreds of thousands of

demonstrators in Kiev and elsewhere in Ukraine who have not relented in their protests against Yanukovich's disputed victory.

Mobilized by Yushchenko, who also served as prime minister under Kuchma, the demonstrators have filled the Ukrainian capital's streets for eight days, enduring frigid weather and in many cases traveling from far-flung regions in western Ukraine.

Without resorting to violence, demonstrators have used human blockades to keep employees from their offices at the Cabinet building, where Yanukovich works, and also have surrounded other government buildings, including the presidential administration building.

Yanukovich, who has been in his native Donetsk region since the weekend, said he moved his family out of Kiev because of the protests. He said his ability to run the government has been hindered.

"I, the head of the government, am being excluded by illegal means from the process of

Ukraine split possible

Breakdown of presidential vote shows political division in western-oriented northwest and Russian-friendly southeast sections of the country:



managing the government," the prime minister said. "They are humiliating and insulting peo-

ple, those who ... try to go to work. They blocked my route to work."

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ASEAN pacts on free-trade

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Officials from Myanmar, formerly known as Burma, had announced on the sidelines of the summit that they will release 9,000 people from jails, but it wasn't known whether that would include more than a handful of the country's estimated 1,400 political prisoners.

Today, Thai officials were expected to organize a political dialogue with other states about the situation in Myanmar.

The trade deal with China represents another opportunity for an emerging part of the world to improve political and economic ties. Vietnam and China fought a war in 1979, and Vietnam is still a relatively isolated communist state only beginning to experiment with economic reforms.

"The potentials for cooperation are much larger and bigger than the potentials for conflict," Nguyen Trung Thanh, Vietnam's

assistant minister for foreign affairs, said of the negotiations with China, now a major rival of ASEAN nations in the quest for foreign investment.

"There's always conflict, but the conflict is there for friends to settle amicably," he said.

Economically, the deal with China, Asia's potential juggernaut, represents an obvious way to jump-start activity.

Philippine President Gloria Arroyo said ASEAN must increasingly look toward the region for growth.

"We cannot rely on the West alone," she told business executives Sunday, according to published reports. "An enlarged East Asia bloc not only can secure the future of ASEAN, but also the future of China, Japan and South Korea."

The 10 ASEAN countries are Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Bush to visit Canada, aims to improve relations

BY WILLIAM DOUGLAS
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — President Bush begins his second-term initiative to mend frayed relations with America's alienated allies today by visiting neighboring Canada, which strongly opposed the Iraq war and has had friction with Washington over post-Sept. 11 U.S. immigration policies and trade.

If all goes well during Bush's two-day trip, the administration's approach to Canada could serve as a model when the president tours Europe early next year in hope of repairing strained relations there.

But things could go awry.

Canadian newspapers report that protesters are gearing up to dog Bush every step of the way. He won't address the nation's Parliament, and some Canadian analysts say it's because the president wants to avoid being heckled by elected officials.

"If Canada were a U.S. state, it would be a blue state," said Joseph Jockel, a St. Lawrence University Canadian-studies professor, referring to the blue-red designations given to states that trend Democratic or Republican, respectively. "By no means are U.S.-Canada relations as bad as they were 20-30 years ago. But there is work to do."

Bush's international charm offensive begins today in Ottawa, where he'll make his first official working visit to the foreign capital closest to Washington. He'll have one-on-one meetings with Prime Minister Paul Martin on security and trade issues before attending an official dinner with Martin, Canada's 10 premiers and more than 600 Canadian and U.S. dignitaries.

"I consider this a relationship-tending visit," Jockel said.

The U.S.-Canadian relationship showed fissures even before the U.S.-led march to Baghdad. Bush had a frosty

relationship with former Prime Minister Jean Chretien, who was a friend of President Clinton and made no secret of his desire to see Vice President Al Gore succeed him.

And Bush ruffled some feathers north of the border when he decided to make Mexico, not Canada, his first foreign stop after he assumed office in 2001.

Canada supported the U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan in 2001, providing 18 warships, and it rotated 12,000 military personnel through Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf. But it didn't join the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq in 2003.

Canada also bristled at some of the Bush administration's post-Sept. 11 immigration policies. In 2002, the Ottawa government briefly issued a rare travel advisory urging some Canadians of Middle Eastern ancestry to think twice before traveling to the United States. That was a protest against a U.S. policy requiring people from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan and Syria — regardless of current citizenship — to be photographed and fingerprinted on arrival in the United States.

U.S. and Canadian officials worked out a compromise allowing Canadians of Middle Eastern descent to be treated like any other Canadian citizens, while preserving the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service's authority to screen people on an individual basis.

The two countries remain bitterly at odds over soft lumber. Canada maintains that duties levied on its lumber exports in 2001 are unfair and have cost Canadian companies \$3.8 billion. Washington argues that the duties were needed because Canadian provincial governments subsidize the softwood industry.

The World Trade Organization and North America Free Trade Association panels have sided with Canada on the issue. The United States has asked NAFTA for another review.

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Foul calls draw Jumbo protest in home opener loss to Springfield

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ever, would not score again, finishing the night with 20 points.

Kaklamanos picked up the offensive slack in the second half, scoring 18 of his 20 points in that frame. The guard, who did not make a field goal in the first half, shot seven for eight in the second, nailing two threes and going a perfect 4-4 from the line.

Kaklamanos added two steals as the Jumbos were able to win the turnover battle for the first time all season.

"I thought we played a great game for 25 to 26 minutes, then let down a little bit," Belodoff said. "There are some positives to take away from it, but we're not looking for moral victories."

The loss to Salem State dropped the Jumbos to 1-3, having lost their home opener to Springfield College on Nov. 23 by a score of 88-77.

Playing on their home floor for the first time since returning from a trip to St. Louis, the Jumbos stayed close to the Pride throughout the first half and part of the second half but eventually succumbed to turnovers, foul trouble and poor free throw shooting.

"I wasn't really happy with how we played [against Springfield]," Sheldon said. "We played hard, just not intelligently."

The Jumbos turned the ball over 20 times and made just six of their 15 free throws as the Pride capitalized on 24 of their 34 free throw opportunities. Many of the foul calls drew the protest of Jumbo players and coaches.

"There were some tough calls, but we can't blame it on the refs," Kumpf said. "It all falls back to the fact that we didn't play defense. We played with our hands and not our feet."

The Jumbos battled foul trouble all night, as Kaklamanos and Kumpf fouled out and three other players had four fouls.

"It's tough when a lot of our main players get in a little foul trouble," Kumpf said. "We can't use it as an excuse. It was our fault. We've just got to learn from it."

The Jumbos hung in the game with the Pride, and freshman Jake Weitzen's three-pointer with 13:03 left in the ballgame pulled them within two at 56-54.

Tufts then watched as the Pride went on a 16-3 run to put the game out of reach. While a three pointer by sophomore Dave Shepherd with 1:30 left would pull the Jumbos within nine points, it was too little too late.

The Jumbos were led by senior Reggie Stovell, who compiled a team-high 13 points and 15 rebounds in the loss.

Tufts returns to action tomorrow night at MIT.

Crispin, Sheedy, to lead middle distance unit in upcoming season

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last season, and senior Katie Sheedy will be joined by some of the new freshmen who led the Jumbos during the cross country season — Catherine Beck, Katy O'Brien, Anna Shih and Laura Walls — to form a competitive group.

"We're definitely going to be a young squad."

Rachel Bloom
Junior

Other key returnees for the Jumbos will be sophomore Samantha Moland and junior Daniela Fairchild, who competed last

season on the Jumbos' 4x800 along with Crispin and Sheedy.

"There [are] a lot of strong runners returning from last year," junior Becca Ades said. "Sarah Crispin and Katie Sheedy look really good in the 800, and I think they'll do really good things in the [distance medley relay] and the 4x800."

Ades will be studying in Spain next semester, which will hurt the Tufts distance squad. Ades was an All-American in outdoor track last season, placing 13th in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

The runners will face their first test this Saturday, at the Husky Invitational at Northeastern University.

"We haven't had a lot of time to do [starting] block work and stick passing," Bloom said. "But this meet will be a good indicator of the little things we'll each have to work on."

Lack of salary cap is a serious problem

CAVELL

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The Padres almost making the playoffs, and the Twins and the A's being consistently competitive, is good. But it's not enough.

Look at the NFL and the NBA. Well, post Artestmania Raw, maybe you shouldn't look at the NBA. But let's look at the NFL.

The NFL is what every league aspires to be. Yeah, this storyline might be getting tired, but it's true. The league is intensely competitive, extremely profitable and fun to watch.

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This year's scrubs could very well be next year's playoff contenders. Indeed, those two teams were powerhouses in the 80's and will be again someday.

Not so in baseball. Can you honestly envision a scenario in which the Devil Rays win more than, say, 85 games?

Look at their roster. There are AAA teams that are probably just as good. Don't get me wrong, I think the Devil Rays have some great players. Scott Kazmir is going to be really good, as is Dewon Brazelton and

Carl Crawford. And in a few years, all of them are going to be traded to competitive teams in return for a bunch of prospects.

Baseball needs a hard salary cap. Understand that I'm a Red Sox fan, one of the beneficiaries of the lopsided financial situation in baseball. I'm really saying this as a baseball fan.

It would be good for baseball if success didn't correlate so closely with payroll. Is it fun that half of all baseball stadiums are deserted by mid-season? What does it say that the Yankees should never lose a game to the Devil Rays, or that a Red Sox loss to the Orioles is a cause for great embarrassment?

Imagine if every stadium in baseball was packed every night. Imagine if a Red Sox-Royals game was actually fair. Imagine if no one could offer a player a \$200 million deal. Wouldn't that be fun?

That's not to say that every team would magically start winning games. The Mets and Phillies both spent about \$100 million this season to miss the playoffs. In fact, that leads me to another point.

Just as defense wins championships in football, pitching wins championships in baseball. I can't quite understand how teams haven't realized that.

Remember last off-season when the Orioles went out and signed Javy Lopez, Raphiel Palmiero and Miguel Tejada in an effort to be competitive? Didn't it seem as if they were actually worse this year, even after spending all that money?

I don't understand what general managers think in those situations. "I know! Let's overpay aging power hitters and go into debt! That's how we're gonna get competitive again!"

When are teams going to learn that the addition of one slugger isn't going to turn the tide? The Tigers tried it with Juan Gone. The Mets tried it with ... well just about everyone who was over the hill (Vaughn, Alomar, Floyd). The Rangers tried it with A-Rod.

The Mets still haven't learned their lesson. They're letting Al Leiter leave while going after Sammy Sosa. "Well, his average and homers have gone down every year, he's in his 30's, is an injury risk ... let's get him!" If I were a Mets fan, I would probably look myself inside, get ten cats and live off of baby food.

Did you notice that the Red Sox signed Manny and couldn't win it all until they got Schilling? Did you see how overmatched the Cardinals were, even with that lineup? Was anyone paying attention? Did you notice that the Yankees lost Clemens and Pettitte and replaced them with A-Rod and Sheffield and got worse?

Watch. The Indians are going to be good because they have pitching, while the Royals are going to be God-awful. Maybe teams will figure this out.

Mismanagement is a different issue, but not as damaging to the sport as a whole. Mismanaged teams recover eventually. Small market teams usually cannot—without the salary cap.

Will the hard salary cap happen? Probably not. But I haven't given up hope yet. Maybe one glorious day, ten or fifteen years from now, Tampa Bay will host a playoff game. Until then, it looks like the Red Sox and Yankees are going to meet in the ALCS every single year.

Maybe I should stop complaining.

INSIDE THE NFL

Philly first to clinch as end of season nears

Strong defense key for playoff and eventual Super Bowl victories

BY DAVID POMERANTZ
Daily Editorial Board

One down, 11 to go. With their 27-6 drubbing of the New York Giants, the Philadelphia Eagles have clinched their fourth straight NFC East title and become the first and only team to secure a spot in the playoffs.

The Eagles beat the Giants using the same basic formula which has propelled the team to a nearly perfect 10-1 record:

The offense is characterized by a West Coast passing attack led by Donovan McNabb and Terrell Owens, with the occasional but effective running of Brian Westbrook to keep teams honest.

The Eagles will have to stop the run eventually, but what of the other 11 teams that will eventually be joining them in the playoffs?

Defensively, the Eagles continued to be extremely aggressive, particularly in blitzing situations, rendering Giants rookie quarterback Eli Manning totally ineffective.

Despite the win and impressive record, Eagles fans should continue to worry about the team's inability to defend against the run. Tiki Barber rushed 19 times for 110 yards on Sunday, averaging 5.8 ypc.

Even Ron Dayne got into the mix, rushing three times for 24 yards. No team, even a 10-1 team, should ever let Ron Dayne rush for eight yards per carry. Ever.

It's a telltale stat, and while the Eagles easily disposed of the Giants and are the clear frontrunners for the NFC crown, they still need to improve against the run. Otherwise, opponents will simply replicate the Pittsburgh Steelers' formula to beating them: run the ball right down their throats, eat up the clock and keep Donovan and Terrell on the bench, where they can alter-

nately yell at and ignore one another.

The Eagles will have to stop the run eventually, but what of the other 11 teams that will eventually be joining them in the playoffs? Over the last two weeks, Inside the NFL has made playoff predictions for each conference. Looking at the most concrete of these picks (for now the New England Patriots, Pittsburgh Steelers, Atlanta Falcons, Minnesota Vikings, Green Bay Packers and Indianapolis Colts), here are some potential weaknesses:

Pats: Errr, is none an acceptable answer? The Pats can throw a wide receiver in at nickleback and all of a sudden he's intercepting passes. The only potential problem New England could face is injury. They've been banged up all year, and it's going to be difficult to stay healthy during the stretch run. The first week bye will be key for the team to rest up. Other than that, New England should still be the favorite to win it all.

Steelers: Another tough call based on the way that the team's playing right now, but experience could be the crucial factor if the Steelers fall to the Pats or Colts in the playoffs. Ben Roethlisberger has been amazing, 9-0 as a starter, but he's still a rookie. He's played with incredible poise, but in the playoffs, some team will focus on shutting down the running game. Then it will all be on Roethlisberger's shoulders, and while the Steelers' defense is probably the best in football, that won't be enough. Putting it another way, if you had to put money on a rookie quarterback in an AFC championship game, would you?

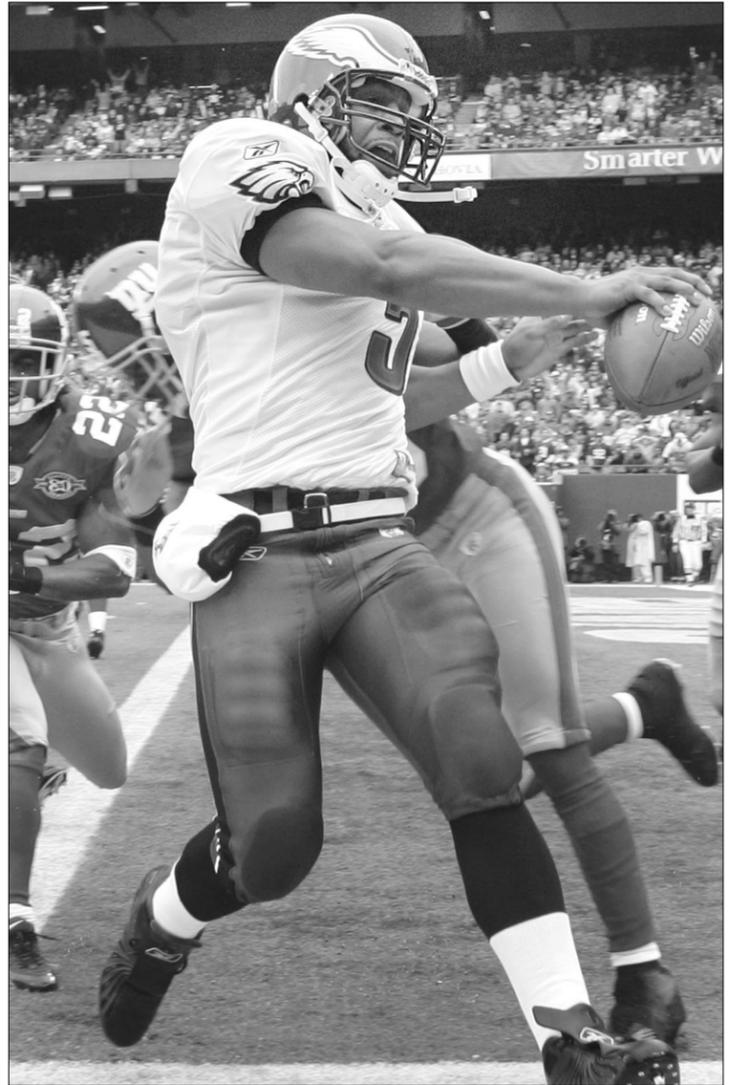
Falcons: While the team's flaws have been largely ignored during a four-game winning streak, they'll reappear come playoff time. Close observers will note that the Falcons' defense is still inconsistent. While the defensive numbers have been decent of late, this unit isn't that far removed from the one that gave up 56 points to the Kansas City Chiefs a month ago. QB Michael Vick needed to perform his usual heroics late in the game to stave off an upset by the New Orleans Saints, one of the worst teams in football, and while he's

incredible to watch he still has some problems in the West Coast system.

Vikes: It's a one man show. Culpepper's amazing and Minnesota is his team, but the Vikes just can't win without Randy Moss. Stop him and you win the game, period. The defense also gives up a lot of points. Minnesota might be able to squeak out a first round victory due to Moss's superhuman heroics, but that's it.

Pack: Defense wins championships. Every fan loves Brett Favre, and the Green Bay offense is one of the most potent around, but they won't be able to win shoot-out after shoot-out. The Pack will clinch the North and might make it as far as the NFC championship game, but a Super Bowl is out of the question if the team doesn't find some more defensive consistency.

Colts: Watching Peyton Manning is like watching that kid in Pop Warner who clearly was left back three to four times and is twice the age of the competition. The guy's in his own world, as anyone who watched his Thanksgiving feast of the Detroit Lions' defense (not a bad unit actually) could see. But as unworldly as Peyton's offense is, the Colts suffer from the same problem as the Packers. Without defensive improvements, they just can't make it all the way.



RON CORTES/KRT

Donovan McNabb and the Philadelphia Eagles clinched the NFC East title after downing the New York Giants 27-6 on Sunday. McNabb, shown above scampering into the end zone from four yards out early in the second quarter to put the Eagles up for good, threw for 244 yards.

SCHEDULE | Nov. 29 — Dec. 5

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
Men's Basketball		@ MIT 7:30 p.m.		@ Babson 8 p.m.		@ Clark 2 p.m.	
Women's Basketball		@ Babson 6 p.m.		@ Gordon 7 p.m.			
Hockey		@ UMD 7:30 p.m.			St. Anselm 7:30 p.m.	N.E. Col. 3:00 p.m.	
Men's Swimming & Diving				Babson 7 p.m.		Bowdoin 3:30 p.m.	
Women's Swimming & Diving						Bowdoin 1 p.m.	
Men's Squash					@ Trinity 4 p.m.	vs. Hamilton (@ Wesleyan)	
Women's Squash			@ Wellesley 7 p.m.		@ Trinity TBA	vs. St. Law. (@ Wesleyan)	

STATISTICS | STANDINGS

Men's Basketball NESCAC Standings					
	CONFERENCE			OVERALL	
Team	W	L	Pct	W	L
Amherst	0	0	—	12	0
Bates	0	0	—	1	0
Bowdoin	0	0	—	0	0
Colby	0	0	—	1	0
Conn College	0	0	—	0	2
Middlebury	0	0	—	1	1
Trinity	0	0	—	1	0
Tufts	0	0	—	1	1
Wesleyan	0	0	—	1	1
Williams	0	0	—	0	0

Individual Statistics				
Scoring Player	Pts	Reb	A	
Reggie Stovell	18.0	11.5	0.0	
Jake Weitzen	16.0	9.0	3.0	
Drew Kaklamanos	14.0	3.5	2.5	
Ryan O'Keefe	11.5	1.0	1.0	
Brian Kumpf	9.0	8.0	1.5	
David Shepherd	8.5	5.0	6.0	
Brian Fitzgerald	5.0	3.0	0.0	
Jason Grauer	2.5	3.5	1.5	
Dan Martin	1.0	2.5	0.0	
Jesse Belodoff	0.5	0.0	1.5	
Jimmy Edgerton	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Casey D'Annolfo	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Team	86.0	52.0	17.0	
Opponents	87.5	38.5	13.0	

Women's Basketball NESCAC Standings					
	CONFERENCE			OVERALL	
Team	W	L	Pct	W	L
Amherst	0	0	—	1	0
Bates	0	0	—	1	0
Bowdoin	0	0	—	0	0
Colby	0	0	—	1	1
Conn College	0	0	—	1	1
Middlebury	0	0	—	0	0
Trinity	0	0	—	1	1
Tufts	0	0	—	2	0
Wesleyan	0	0	—	1	0
Williams	0	0	—	1	0

Individual Statistics				
Scoring Player	Pts	Reb	A	
Jessica Powers	11.5	3.5	3.0	
Allison Love	11.0	4.5	0.5	
Valerie Krah	10.5	1.0	2.0	
Erin Connolly	7.0	0.0	1.5	
Laura Jasinski	7.0	4.0	1.0	
Katherine Miller	7.0	4.5	0.0	
Julia Verplank	7.0	5.5	5.5	
Jenna Gomez	6.0	2.5	0.5	
T. Miller-Stevens	4.0	2.0	3.5	
Khalilah Ummah	4.0	4.0	1.0	
Julie Mulinare	2.5	0.5	0.0	
Ali Landes	2.5	2.0	0.5	
M. Duffy-Cabana	1.0	2.0	3.0	
Team	81.0	41.0	22.0	
Opponents	39.0	25.0	9.5	

Hockey NESCAC Standings							
	CONFERENCE				OVERALL		
Team	W	L	T	Pct	W	L	T
Middlebury	2	0	0	1.000	2	0	0
Trinity	2	0	0	1.000	2	0	0
Williams	2	0	0	1.000	2	0	0
Amherst	1	0	1	.750	1	0	1
Bowdoin	1	0	1	.750	1	0	1
Colby	1	1	0	.500	1	1	0
Hamilton	1	1	0	.500	1	1	0
Conn College	0	2	0	.000	0	2	0
Tufts	0	2	0	.000	0	2	0
Wesleyan	0	2	0	.000	0	2	0

Individual Statistics				
Scoring Player	G	A	Pts	
Ken Cleary	1	2	3	
Matt McCarthy	2	0	2	
Jason Boudrow	1	1	2	
Kurt Hertzog	1	0	1	
Gino Rotondi	0	1	1	
Peter Corbett	0	1	1	
Greg O'Connell	0	1	1	
Ross Gimbel	0	1	1	
Matt Ninnemann	0	0	0	
John Murphy	0	0	0	
Joe Cappellano	0	0	0	
Goaltending	GA	Sv	Sv%	
James Kalec (0-1-0)	9	51	.850	
Matt Ninnemann (0-1-0)	3	13	.812	

Coed Sailing Rankings as of Nov. 16 2004	
Rank, Team (Previous Rank)	
1. Brown (4)	
2. USC (1)	
3. Yale (3)	
4. Harvard (9)	
5. Hobart/William Smith (7)	
6. Hawaii (17)	
7. Dartmouth (6)	
8. Boston College (8)	
9. Stanford (12)	
10. MIT (14)	
11. Tufts (11)	
12. Georgetown (5)	

Men's Cross Country Rankings as of Nov. 16 2004	
Rank, Team (Region)	
1. Calvin College (GL)	
2. Wisconsin-La Crosse (MW)	
3. North Central College (MW)	
4. Haverford College (ME)	
5. Tufts University (NE)	
6. College of New Jersey (A)	
7. St. Olaf College (C)	
8. Willamette University (W)	
9. University of Chicago (MW)	
10. Carleton College (C)	

NFL ESPN Power Rankings as of Nov. 16 2004	
Rank, Team (Previous)	
1. Steelers (1)	
2. Patriots (2)	
3. Eagles (3)	
4. Colts (5)	
5. Falcons (6)	
6. Chargers (4)	
7. Broncos (7)	
8. Ravens (10)	
9. Jaguars (12)	
10. Packers (13)	
11. Jets (8)	
12. Rams (16)	

NBA ESPN Power Rankings as of Nov. 15 2004	
Rank, Team (Previous)	
1. Mavericks (7)	
2. Jazz (2)	
3. Spurs (5)	
4. Pacers (1)	
5. Heat (3)	
6. Timberwolves (6)	
7. Pistons (4)	
8. Kings (12)	
9. Suns (8)	
10. SuperSonics (19)	

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Home 'not-so-sweet' home for Jumbos

Tight losses to Salem State and Springfield open home season

Coming off a 2003-04 season in which the Jumbos notched seven of their eight wins at home, Tufts has not found Cousens Gym so friendly this year.

The team has now dropped its first two games of the season at home.

In Sunday's match against undefeated Salem State, the Jumbos seemed poised to hang in there with the undefeated Vikings but could not stay in the game, as the Vikings ran away with the victory in the second half.

"Overall, I'm not happy that we lost, but out of 40 minutes we played well for 25 to 30 minutes against what will be one of the best teams in the region," coach Bob Sheldon said.

Indeed, when senior tri-captain guard Drew Kaklamanos hit a three-point shot with 12:49 left in the ballgame, the Jumbos only trailed by one at 68-67.

It did not stay close for long, though, as the Vikings went on an 11-0 run to put the game away for good, as the Jumbos would never get within 10 points for the rest of the game.

Tufts could not keep up with Salem's strong second half, in which it scored 58 points and shot 20 of 30 from the field.

The Vikings had four scorers account for 90 of their 104 points in the game, as senior guard Allen Reid led the way with 33 points.

Senior center Ifesinachi Anosike turned in a solid all-around performance for the Vikings, dropping in 26 points, grabbing 14 rebounds and blocking eight shots.

"We did a good job of battling [Anosike], but he was a very good player," senior tri-captain Jesse Belodoff said. "Sometimes you just get beat by a better team. Tonight they were [better]."

The Jumbos got off to a quick start in the ballgame, scoring the first 10 points. While the Vikings quickly got back into the game, 18 first-half points from sophomore Brian Kumf was enough to keep the Jumbos within three at the half at 46-43.

Kumf appeared to be on his way to another big half, putting back a miss by junior Dan Martin for a layup with 19:11 left in the ballgame. The sophomore, how-

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BEN THAYER/TUFTS DAILY

Senior tri-captain Reggie Stovell put up 16 points, five rebounds and four assists in Sunday night's 104-89 loss at home against Salem State. The Jumbos hope to turn around their 1-3 start tonight with a win at MIT.

DAVID CAVELL | DOUBLE DOWN



Cap it!

Next season, the Pittsburgh Pirates aren't going to make the playoffs. Neither will the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, the Toronto Blue Jays or the Milwaukee Brewers.

No matter what they do this off-season, none of those teams can possibly win the 90-95 games necessary to earn a spot in 2005 postseason play.

Sure, some in their fan bases might harbor ridiculous notions, but fan bases can be delusional. I mean, Red Sox fans have been predicting that "this is the year" for eight decades ... oh, never mind. We won.

These teams are the small market bottom feeders of Major League Baseball. Their four 2004 payrolls combined to total \$138 million. Meanwhile, the Red Sox payroll this season stood at about \$125 million, and the Yankees dished out nearly \$185 million to round out the ALCS.

It's time for Major League Baseball to start seriously considering a hard salary cap. Yeah, yeah, luxury tax. But let's be serious, the luxury tax in baseball is like the graduated income tax. If you're rich, you're rich.

Paying an additional \$20 million in fines for going over the "cap" isn't that much of a problem when your team's payroll is north of \$180 million. It hasn't slowed teams like the Mets either ... oh wait, no, that's Mo Vaughn's salary, not a league-imposed penalty.

Baseball is turning into college football. There are a few powerhouses, and when they play each other, it's fun. But most of the time, they play games in which the only question is how much they'll win by.

That's not to say that baseball isn't making strides. The Marlins winning two years ago was quite impressive.

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HOCKEY

Tufts dropped by unbeaten Southern New Hampshire 7-6

BY TIM WHELAN
Daily Editorial Board

On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, the hockey team traveled to Hookset, NH, to take on Southern New Hampshire University in non-league action. Fortune was not on the Jumbos' side, however, as they fell 7-6 to the Penmen despite a hat trick from junior forward Matt McCarthy. The loss keeps Tufts winless at 0-3-0, while keeping Southern New Hampshire unbeaten at 4-0-0.

“We need to play better defense”

Brian Murphy
Coach, Mens Hockey

Against a Penmen squad that Tufts beat 4-2 last season, the Jumbos weren't nearly as sound defensively as they were in the last meeting. SNHU came out gunning with three quick goals on seven shots against Tufts' freshman goaltender Issa Azat. Senior Jason Olitch, who would prove to be a thorn in Tufts' side all night, netted two of those first three goals en route to his second consecutive hat trick. Sophomore defenseman Peter Corbett had the only Tufts score in the period, on a power play.

"We didn't come out ready to play," coach Brian Murphy said.

"The first twenty minutes we just weren't there mentally. They got a few goals early and we can't let that happen."

The final two periods, especially the second, were more in Tufts' favor. The Jumbos took advantage of Penmen penalties and had two power play goals; one by another sophomore defenseman, Jack Thompson, and one by junior forward Pat Walsh. McCarthy would add two more in the final 1:25 of that period to give Tufts a 5-3 lead going into the second intermission.

But in a contest in which Tufts would hold a 17-shot advantage (44-27) and have six fewer penalties than its opponent, it was the opportunistic nature of the Penmen, and especially Olitch, that kept Southern New Hampshire in the game. Just one minute into the third, Olitch began the scoring that would give SNHU momentum to come back from the deficit.

After McCarthy's third goal put Tufts up 6-5, the Jumbos had a defensive collapse, allowing a shorthanded goal to tie the game.

"We need to play better defense," Murphy said. "We have to take the right angles between the offensive player and the puck, tie up sticks in front of our net — anything to keep the puck out of our net."

Murphy knows that the more experienced offense has certainly taken care of its end of busi-



KELLY O'BRIEN/TUFTS DAILY

Senior Matt Kniaz and the hockey team fell 7-6 at Southern New Hampshire last Tuesday, dropping the team to 0-3. Tufts sets out for its first win tonight at UMass Dartmouth.

ness. "We have scored 11 goals in the last two games and lost them both. So we know we can score goals, we just have to prevent them."

It has been a little bit of a trial by fire for freshmen goalies Azat and James Kalec. Kalec relieved Azac in the first period and made

16 saves on 20 shots. He has already been pelted with 80 shots in this young season, not to mention his young career.

Tonight, the Jumbos travel south to take on UMass-Dartmouth. The Jumbos have played the Corsairs tough the past two seasons, losing 9-8 last year and tying 4-4 in 2002. But

the Corsairs are another unbeaten hockey team (4-0-0), so it will be yet another tough test for a Tufts squad that is still trying to hit its stride and capture its first victory.

"To win hockey games, you have to play all sixty minutes," Murphy said. "And we just haven't done that yet."

Young team primed to compete and excel in NESCACs

Bloom, Sears will provide leadership to track team

BY DAVID POMERANTZ
Daily Editorial Board
AND ALEX BLOOM
Daily Staff Writer

Last season, the women's indoor track team placed 23rd at the NCAA Championships, mainly because of its second-place finish in the 4x400 relay with a 3:53.45.

Three of the four members of that team, Emily Bersin, Jess Trombly and Sika Henry, will not be back this season. Bersin and Trombly graduated, and Henry has decided not to run this season.

The lone returnee from that relay, Rachel Bloom, and the rest of the team will have to compensate for the losses, which also include distance runner Lauren Caputo to graduation and high jumper Melissa Graveley, who also chose not to run track this season.

Trombly, who also competed nationally in the 55-meter hurdles and the 400-meter dash, was a huge part of the team's success last season. Trombly finished ninth in the hurdles and 10th in the 400.

"It's definitely going to be a big loss, but since we have a lot of people, I'm hoping we'll be able to fill her shoes," sophomore Jillian Warner said.

Henry also competed nationally in the high jump, finishing ninth.

Bloom, along with sophomores Warner, Mackenzie Rawcliffe and Jess Mactas, will be called upon to lead the young sprinting core. All three sophomores were members of the 4x200-meter relay team last season and will comprise a key contingent of the sprinting squad and team as a whole.

Bloom, an All-American, will mainly run the 200 and 400 for the Jumbos in addition to her work on the relay teams.

"Rachel is a really good role model for the younger girls," Mactas said. "She's really positive, a hard worker and she shows younger girls how that hard work can pay off."

Classmate Megan Sears will join Bloom to provide some leadership for the young team. Sears will participate in multiple



BEN THAYER/TUFTS DAILY

Junior Rachel Bloom will be the new leader of the Jumbo sprinting corps following the graduation of fellow 4x400 runner Jess Trombly.

events, including some sprints. Sears demonstrated her versatility last winter when she took ninth place in the pentathlon at the Div. III New England Championships.

The performance of the sophomore and junior sprinters will be especially important due to the influx of talented but inexperienced freshmen. While the team is young, runners are optimistic about the new talent. Several freshmen, such as Jenna Weir,

Kaleigh Fitzpatrick and Katie Barksdale, have been impressive thus far, and should contribute most in the 55-meter dash, where the lineup is least set as of now.

"We're definitely going to be a young squad," Bloom said. "But the freshmen seem pretty excited. They're hard workers, and many showed up for preseason and captains' practices. They're doing all the off-day work and taking things seriously."

Mactas echoed her optimism.

"Training's been going really well. The majority of us have been training since we got here, and it will be exciting to see where we stand this weekend."

The Jumbos may be strongest in the middle distance events. Sophomore Sarah Crispin, who won the NESCAC outdoor 800

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Veterans poised for season in the field

More known for its prowess on the track, the women's track and field team enters the indoor season with plenty of veterans ready to make their mark on the field.

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productive winter season.

In the 2004 spring season, the team's most successful field event was the high jump. Seniors Melissa Graveley and Sika Henry, whose junior high jump seasons were highlighted last spring by tying for sixth place in the NESCAC Championships, will not return for the indoor season, leaving openings in the team's jumping lineup.

Henry also tied for ninth place in high jump at the New England Div. III Championships last spring, another competition where the Jumbos placed second in the NESCAC, again behind Williams.

Tufts returns two veteran throwers this winter in seniors Jessica Colby and Katie Antle. Despite a lack of depth in their events — the hammer, discus and shot put — the seniors feel ready to improve on last spring's results. Going into this winter, Colby is hoping for success in multiple events.

"I'm doing shot put and weight [hammer]," Colby said. "I usually end up focusing on

weight a bit more. [I] am really hoping to just end my career with [personal records] and really contribute to the team scores."

Last spring, Colby found her best results in the hammer throw, placing 10th at NESCACs. The senior also found success in the shot put, putting together a 13th-place result at NESCACs before finishing 17th at New England.

Although Antle previously found the most success in the discus, Colby expects her senior teammate to excel alongside her in the shot put this winter.

"For the indoor season, Katie is going to be focusing on the shot put and is looking to be a major contender in the NESCAC league and hopefully beyond," Colby said.

Last spring, Antle placed 12th in the discus at NESCACs before moving on to New England to finish 16th in that event.

The fourth, and more sprinting-oriented throwing event, is the javelin. Tufts has high hopes in that event going into the indoor season, as Graveley is coming off a spring where she finished third in the javelin at NESCACs. At that same competition, junior Megan Sears provided a 15th-place result in that event.

Look for Sears to make up for the losses of Graveley and Henry in the high jump along with the long jump, an event where she experienced success early this year. Despite the absence of the senior jumpers, the team has a strong freshman class ready to fill the holes.

With plenty of experienced leadership on the field this indoor season, the team is more than ready to start competing.



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Seniors Jessica Colby and Katie Antle will look to echo departed senior Gwen Campbell's (shown above) leadership and success to head the team this indoor season.

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