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Jumbos win national title in DMR



COURTESY OHIO NORTHERN SPORTS INFORMATION

The women's distance medley relay squad captured the national championship on March 14, buoying the track and field team to a sixth-place showing overall at the meet. It was a banner spring break for Tufts women's athletics, which also saw diver Kendall Swett capture two national titles and the basketball team reach the Elite Eight of the Div. III NCAA Tournament. **See Sports, back page.**

Obama's speech on race relations in America inspires discussion on the Hill

BY NINA FORD
Daily Editorial Board

In response to Senator Barack Obama's (D-Ill.) speech last Tuesday about race relations in America, Tufts' Emerging Black Leaders (EBL) are looking to sponsor a series of follow-up discussions on race that they hope will unite students on campus.

Junior Jennifer Bailey, the president of the EBL, described the necessity of opening up a

general dialogue about race relations at Tufts. "I think that race is something that is present but doesn't get discussed openly," Bailey said.

Bailey thinks conversation about race is usually kept "under the surface."

According to Bailey, Obama's speech was important because it put the issue of race relations in the national spotlight. "I've heard a lot of speeches about race relations ... but not one in this public of a forum,"

she said.

She praised "the fact that he was bold enough to have this sort of conversation," and to hold both blacks and whites accountable for opening up an honest conversation about race.

The speech surprised her "in a good way," she said.

Although plans for beginning a dialogue about race at Tufts are still preliminary, Bailey hopes to start with smaller con-

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Students aid New Orleans rebuilding effort

BY DAN PASTERNAK
Daily Editorial Board

Members of the Leonard Carmichael Society (LCS) and the Tufts Christian Fellowship (TCF) took service trips to New Orleans during spring break, improving areas affected by Hurricane Katrina.

The LCS members helped build and renovate homes and community buildings in the heavily damaged Ninth Ward of the city, working with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and Project

Nehemiah. The students assisted with projects ranging from painting a house to gutting an old nursing home.

The Ninth Ward, which borders the Mississippi River, was heavily damaged by flooding in 2005 when the levees along the river broke.

According to LCS President Jen McNally, the flood damage is still serious even though most media coverage of the disaster ended a few years ago.

"It doesn't even look like New Orleans. It doesn't even

look like America at times," McNally said.

The group toured the downtown districts and famous French Quarter of New Orleans before venturing into the disaster area. While these neighborhoods were also affected by the hurricane, they were restored much more quickly after the flood.

The Tufts Christian Fellowship made a separate trip to assist in the efforts to rebuild the city. Due to financ-

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Despite ties to Clinton family, Gov. Richardson endorses Obama Prof. Berry says endorsement unlikely to sway many Hispanic voters

BY MARYSA LIN
Daily Editorial Board

New Mexico Governor and Tufts alum Bill Richardson (A '70, F '71) endorsed Senator Barack Obama (D-Ill.) for the presidency on Friday, dismissing the requests of the Clinton family, his longtime political allies.

In endorsing Obama, Richardson hailed the senator for his recent speech on race while suggesting that Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) should consider ending her presidential campaign rather than contributing to a bitter intra-party fight that might endanger the Democrats' chances in the general election.

"I am very proud today to

endorse your candidacy for president," Richardson told Obama at a rally in Portland, Ore.

"Sen. Barack Obama addressed the issue of race with the eloquence and sincerity and decency and optimism we have come to expect of him," Richardson said of Obama's speech last Tuesday, in which the candidate reacted to the recently publicized incendiary remarks of his former pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr.

"He did not seek to evade tough issues or to soothe us with comforting half-truths," Richardson said. "Rather, he inspired us by reminding us of the awesome potential residing in our own responsibility."

Richardson emphasized that common experiences with Obama have contributed to his support for the senator, pointing out that they each have an immigrant parent and had lived abroad during childhood.

Professor of Political Science Jeffrey Berry said that the endorsement, while a rebuke to an old friend, would probably not sway many Hispanic voters. Obama has struggled to catch on with this demographic.

"I don't think it is terribly significant in terms of people's voting intentions, but I do think it's important in terms of building pressure on Hillary

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New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson endorsed Barack Obama Friday.

Jumbo basketball lands regional and All-American honors over spring break

The postseason accolades continue to pile up for women's basketball senior co-captain Khalilah Ummah.

Capping a career-best campaign in which she averaged a double-double in her first season as a starter, Ummah yesterday became the first Tufts basketball player to be named to the D3hoops.com honorable mention All-American team.

Ummah was a key reason why the Jumbos strung together a program-best 26 wins in 2008, as she contributed a

NESCAC-leading 10.0 rebounds per game and a team-best 12.9 points per game.

The Litchfield, Maine, native also set the program's single-season blocks record, swatting a conference-best 66 shots this year.

The Jumbos advanced to the Elite Eight in the Div. III NCAA Tournament, but lost to Messiah College on Mar. 15.

Earlier this postseason, Ummah picked up both the NESCAC Player of the Year and the NESCAC Defensive Player of the Year awards, as Tufts went on to sweep

all of the conference's top four honors. Over spring break, Ummah also added a D3hoops.com First Team All-Region selection, the first ever by a member of the women's basketball team.

The accolades did not end there for the Jumbos, as freshman point guard Colleen Hart was named the D3hoops.com Northeast Rookie of the Year in the first year the honor was awarded. Hart was second on the team in scoring and finished just one three-pointer shy of the program's single-season mark.

She also garnered the conference's Rookie of the Year award, as well as a Second Team All-NESCAC nod, earlier this month.

On the men's side, junior forward Jon Pierce added to his postseason haul with a D3hoops.com Second Team All-Region selection. He is the first member of coach Bob Sheldon's team to pick up the honor since tri-captain Dan Martin (LA '06) did so two years ago.

—by Sapna Bansil

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Senior Kendall Swett won two national championships over spring break, one each in the 1- and 3-meter dives.

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The cost of parking proves backbreaking for sophomores who bring cars to the Hill.

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Black leaders look to hold discussions on race at Tufts

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versations among campus community leaders, perhaps in the form of a roundtable discussion.

The EBL want to "start with small conversations," she said. "That sort of conversation is what doesn't go on." Bailey hopes these smaller group discussions will lead to brainstorming about ways to raise awareness about racial issues.

Bailey said that she plans to get a variety of student groups involved in the talks.

"Historically, the groups that have been [discussing this issue are] cultural groups on campus," she said. This time, however, Bailey said the goal will be "not only engaging cultural groups, but also political groups and groups of students that don't necessarily identify with a racial minority ... groups that might not take an immediate interest in this."

Ultimately, the goal is to unify communities that have typically been "very separated on campus," and the discussions will hopefully bring diversity at

Tufts to a new level, Bailey said.

Working with Tufts professors is also part of the plan to increase dialogue about race. "Professors often get lost in the shuffle," Bailey said.

The EBL held their fourth annual Emerging Black Leaders Symposium earlier this month. The fledgling plans for future dialogue will act as both a follow-up to the symposium and a response to Obama's speech.

The symposium featured a speech from the Rev. C. T. Vivian, a Civil Rights Movement leader who founded Upward Bound, a federal education program aimed at giving certain groups of underprivileged high school students the opportunity to attend college. It also held discussion panels on black women in underrepresented professional fields and leaders in black communities.

The EBL came about in 2004 when several Tufts undergraduates founded the group out of disappointment with the "lack of intellectual discourse on the African Diaspora," Bailey said. The

first annual Emerging Black Leaders Symposium was held in 2005, and the organization has expanded to include a number of community outreach programs each year as well as the annual symposium.

In addition, the EBL has extended its reach beyond the Tufts community. "We also do a huge amount of community outreach with local minorities," Bailey said.

These programs include the College Access Medford Program (CAMP), which educates Medford High School students about the college-application and financial-aid processes, and the Sankofa Youth Project, which allows high school students to become involved with the EBL through workshops and discussions about community leadership, youth development, education and active citizenship.

While the EBL are using Obama's speech as a springboard for opening up discussion about race relations at Tufts, they have not endorsed a specific candidate for president.

Students consider volunteer voyage to be a success

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ing issues, the two groups were unable to travel together.

Sophomore Jenny Lau was the coordinator for this year's LCS trip. She was motivated to plan this year's trip after going on a similar one with the TCF last year; she wanted to help others have a similar experience this spring break.

"I really wanted people to come on this trip so they could see what I saw last year," Lau said. "The victims of

Katrina aren't on the news anymore, and just to talk to the residents ... that was something I really wanted my trip volunteers to see and experience."

She explained that her involvement in coordinating the trip helped her gain more from it.

"Having to plan the trip and deal with some of the issues that came up during the trip made me realize the issues facing the victims even more," she said.

Even though the area was flooded years ago, McNally thinks a continued reconstruction effort will be necessary

for many more years. "Tufts can be going down there for years to come," she said, suggesting that a New Orleans service trip has the potential to become a long-term tradition at Tufts.

"It was powerful for us and for the people that we helped," she said.

According to McNally, the trip wasn't all hard work and proved to be as enjoyable as it was rewarding. "We worked on our tans while painting," she said.

Lau said the TCF trip was also successful. "My group was awesome," she said. "It was a very rewarding trip."

Richardson says Democrats must 'stop fighting amongst ourselves,' unite against McCain before general election

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Clinton to withdraw before the convention," Berry said.

Clinton's husband, former President Bill Clinton, appointed Richardson in 1997 as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and later made him secretary of energy.

According to the New York Times, President Clinton visited Richardson last month to watch the Super Bowl with him, and he told his wife's campaign aides that Richardson had promised not to endorse Obama.

Mark Penn, Sen. Clinton's chief strategist, framed the endorsement as insignificant, saying the time "when it could have been effective has long since passed."

But James Carville, a campaign advisor to Sen. Clinton, seemed frustrated by the apparent reversal. He was quoted in a New York Times article calling Richardson's endorsement "an act of betrayal" against the Clintons' long-running support for his career.

Professor Berry said that, as he did not see the endorsement affecting many voters, he did not foresee the move having a serious effect on Hispanic superdelegates.

"It might be of some significance with other Hispanic superdelegates, but I think the superdelegates are going to follow their instinct about what's

best for the party, and I don't think any one individual opinion is going to be paramount," Berry said.

During his appearance with Obama, Richardson repeatedly cited Obama's speech on race as particularly motivating.

"As a Hispanic American, I was particularly touched by his words," Richardson said.

"I don't think it is terribly significant in terms of people's voting intentions, but I do think it's important in terms of building pressure on Hillary Clinton to withdraw before the convention."

Jeffrey Berry
professor of political science

He believes that Obama will be able to restore "American global leadership" and announced that Obama "will make every American proud to be an American."

Furthermore, Richardson said that Obama is the leader "who can bring us the change we so desperately need." Richardson expressed his confidence

in Obama to make progress against global warming and "do what is long overdue — end the Iraq War and bring the troops home."

Obama "understands the importance of realism [and] bipartisanship of foreign policy," Richardson said. He also praised Obama's opposition to the Iraq war from the beginning.

Richardson concluded by saying that "we're blessed to have two great American leaders and Democrats running for president."

Richardson addressed his long personal and professional alliances with the Clintons. "My great affection and admiration for Sen. Clinton and President Clinton will never waver," he said.

"It is time, however, for Democrats to stop fighting amongst ourselves and prepare for the tough fight we have against John McCain in the fall," he added.

"The 1990s were a decade of prosperity of peace because of the competent and enlightened leadership of the Clinton administration, and I was in that administration. But it is now time for a new generation of leadership to lead America forward," Richardson said.

"Barack Obama will be a great and historic president who can bring us the change we so desperately need," Richardson added.

Visiting the Hill this week

MONDAY

"Persian New Year Celebration Dinner"

Details: The Persian Students Association will celebrate the Persian New Year with the rest of the Tufts community. The event will feature traditional Persian food from Molana Restaurant in Watertown, and traditions and customs of the holiday will be explained. There will be a \$5 entrance fee.

When & Where: 6:00 p.m.; Sophia Gordon Multipurpose Room

Sponsor: Persian Students Association

TUESDAY

"David Cutler Speaks"

Details: David Cutler, professor of economics at Harvard University, will talk about his book, "Your Money or Your Life: Strong Medicine for America's Health Care System," which deals with the state of the health care system in America.

When & Where: 8:00 p.m.; Cabot Auditorium

Sponsor: Moral Voices Initiative

WEDNESDAY

"Lecture by Thomas Goltz on the Republic of Azerbaijan"

Details: Author and journalist Thomas Goltz, who has reported on post-Cold War changes in Azerbaijan, will reflect on what he has witnessed.

When & Where: 12:30 p.m.; Mugar 200 in the Fletcher School

Sponsor: SWAIC Program at the Fletcher School

"Fashion and its Discontents"

Details: Washington Post columnist Jill Hudson Neil (A '92) will come to Tufts to deliver the keynote speech, "Fashion on the Campaign Trail." Jennifer Gerson (A '05), associate editor at jezebel.com, will also speak.

When & Where: 5:30 p.m.; Sophia Gordon Multipurpose Room

Sponsor: Center for the Humanities at Tufts

THURSDAY

"The United States and the Middle East: What Comes Next After Iraq?"

Details: Scholars and other experts on the Middle East will speak about the future of America in the Middle East. President Lawrence Bacow and Provost Jamshed Bharucha will speak at the event. Registration is required for this two-day conference, which continues on Friday.

When & Where: 3:00 p.m.; Cabot Intercultural Center

Sponsor: Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies

FRIDAY

"The United States and the Middle East: What Comes Next After Iraq? [Day 2]"

Details: The second part of this conference is a day-long event in which more scholars and other experts on the Middle East will speak about the future of America in the region.

When & Where: 8:45 a.m. to 7:15 p.m.; Cabot Intercultural Center

Sponsor: Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies

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Tuesday



Sunny
43/35

Friday



Cloudy
43/35

Wednesday



Few Showers
50/32

Saturday



Showers
45/34

Thursday



Partly Cloudy
46/33

Sunday



Partly Cloudy
45/32

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I [did not go] anywhere for spring break because of how many parking tickets I have. I just had to get two jobs to pay for them."

Mara James
sophomore
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REBEKAH SOKOL/TUFTS DAILY

For sophomores who violate Tufts parking regulations, expensive tickets can pile up quickly. Because sophomores are restricted to parking in two campus lots, many students have opted to park in prohibited areas.

Expensive tickets, inconveniences frustrate sophomores looking to park on campus

BY SARAH BLISS
Daily Staff Writer

Sophomores who favor convenience over consequence in their parking choices are facing windshields cluttered with expensive tickets from the university.

The stringent monitoring of campus parking lots, coupled with expensive parking tickets, has left frustrated sophomores digging into their wallets and questioning Tufts' parking regulations.

Parking passes, which are priced at \$240 per semester for all resident students, give different parking privileges to students based on class year. With two lots available for sophomore parking — one located behind Hill Hall and the other adjacent to Cousens Gym — many sophomores are incensed by the disparity between parking convenience and the price of a parking pass.

"It's ridiculous that I'm paying \$300 a semester to park far away when sometimes there isn't even a spot to park," sophomore Mara James said.

James, a resident of Wren Hall, has been no stranger to an excess of parking citations. She said that the lots reserved for juniors, seniors and faculty members behind Carmichael and Miller are rarely at their full capacity.

"I think it's completely irrational that the parking lots near Wren and Miller are never full, yet sophomores aren't allowed to use them," James said. "It just doesn't make sense that the people who live uphill can't park there."

But Captain Mark Keith of the Tufts University Police Department (TUPD) said that there is an explanation for the existing rules.

"Just because there are empty spots in the lot doesn't mean they can accommodate the entire sophomore class,"

Keith said.

Sophomore Andrea Shadick avoids the lofty prices and inconvenience that many feel plague the campus parking policy by parking off campus at a friend's house.

"I don't think it's worth the hundreds of dollars to park in the gym parking lot every semester, which is a huge chunk of my salary," Shadick said. "For my job, I have to have a car, and I don't have time to walk down to get my car in another lot between classes and still make it to work."

Although not currently an on-campus parker, Shadick has noticed both vacancies in the uphill parking lots and a widespread disregard for parking policy by students.

"I will walk back through the parking lot behind Carmichael, and I will see

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Academic Resource Center looks to sharpen students' public speaking skills with new additions to its tutoring programs

BY KERIANNE OKIE
Daily Editorial Board

As Jumbo grads begin to enter into the working world, they may encounter the need for an unforeseen ability: presenting ideas in front of an audience.

Due to a rising demand for education in public speaking, Tufts' Academic Resource Center (ARC) has recently introduced a new program to cater to these needs.

The program, which began last year, has been steadily growing this semester and has recently added public speaking tutors.

Amalia Jiva, assistant director of writing resources at Tufts, said the program started on a limited basis last year when she, along with Drama Department Chair Barbara Grossman

and Dean of Undergraduate Education James Glaser, decided that Tufts should address the need for public speaking training for students.

"We [often] hear from Career Services about employers who find communication skills as the top priority when hiring someone," Jiva said.

Jiva said that students often express in senior surveys that they wish they had gotten more training in public speaking.

The program's coordinators originally hoped to model the program after the ARC's current writing fellows program, but they are still adjusting the program according to students' needs.

"We originally wanted to have a program that would meet the needs of students one on one but also that provided workshops and training for

faculty on how to integrate public speaking in their classes," Jiva said. "We want to not just respond to students seeking our help but to find out the kinds of things we need to be prepared for."

This year, graduate student Helen Lewis has taken over as Tufts' public speaking tutor. Lewis, who is currently pursuing her doctorate in drama, believes that public speaking tutoring is especially helpful in college because the need to present in front of an audience is an unfamiliar obstacle for many students.

"I think that students start college, and in some cases they've never done a presentation before; they've never had to get up in front of a room

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DEVIN TOOHEY | HOSTELS AND HOSTILES



Food: *It's what's for dinner*

Inevitably in your travels, you're going to need to eat. And as you may have already guessed, where you are may decide what ends up on your plate.

Of course, you may be like me and have not only planned on this contingency, but hoped for it. About half the reason I've gone to some places was the promise of food. But for those of you who enter a foreign country more for landmarks than lunch, here are a few thoughts and hints on eating as a backpacker.

Let's start with the big one: Don't be penny-wise and dollar-foolish. Sure, it may be tempting to go for PB&J every day or eat pasta at night in your hostel to save some cash, but what's the point? A significant amount of a foreign culture is the food. You've already paid for a flight and hostel ... Why not go for the full experience for a few extra bucks?

See how real Italian pizza differs from New York pizzeria style. Experience quality beer in Germany or Belgium and discover that beer can actually be enjoyable and not just a punishment for losing a game of Beirut. Order a dish that you cannot pronounce in Marrakech and be delighted to eat something you would never even think of having at home — I overcame my pigeon phobia thanks to a pigeon pie.

If you find yourself traveling in cold weather, try the wonder that is mulled wine. This delightful beverage is a staple of European outdoor markets, and deservedly so. It's delicious and warms you up like nothing else. And due to outdoor drinking laws in the States, it's something you can only fully appreciate during your time abroad.

With that said, you don't have to spend like a sultan every day. There's nothing wrong with doing the pasta or sandwich route a few times if your wallet is thinning. Especially if you're in a city like Paris or, even worse, Copenhagen, where any meal you eat out will cost a pretty penny. After shelling out 25 bucks on an average entrée in Denmark, I was fine cooking with my friend for most of my trip.

You can even discover some interesting things about a place from its supermarkets. While by no means gourmet, French frozen food is significantly better than American frozen food. As one of my friends said, the French would just not settle for anything too sub-par going in their mouths. And two portions of them can easily make a meal that will only set you back about four Euros.

You may also be surprised as certain myths fall apart. As good as French food is, my time abroad has taught me that the French are jacks-of-all-trades, but aces of none when it comes to food. The Italians have better wine, the Dutch have better pastries, and honestly, I give best cheese to the English.

Finally, there's one more thing you'll notice about food in Europe, whether you're in Galway, Vienna or Helsingor: Kebab is everywhere. And rightfully so. While not exactly indigenous to most cities you'll find it in, definitely have some along your travels. The Europeans have quickly realized that this cheap and greasy food sold into the wee hours of the night is a brilliant thing. Now, if only we could get a few kebab places back in Medford or Somerville, I would be a very happy columnist come September.

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Parking citation fees are helping to pay off cost of Dowling Hall construction

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tickets on almost every window," she said. "I feel like there are few upperclassmen that use the lots behind Miller and Carmichael, so I think it's just a waste of space."

Keith said students who make the choice to park in undesignated areas should know that their actions might be accompanied by financial and possibly judicial consequences.

"In a rare situation of excessive parking violations, there may be further disciplinary action outside of our department," Keith said.

Both James and Shadick have experienced the stringency of campus parking policy in the form of hefty fees from TUPD's Administrative Services.

"They give extraordinarily expensive tickets ... I have over \$1,000 to pay," James said. "The tickets are far more expensive than those you would get in the city."

According to Keith, the money generated from both the cost of parking decals and parking violation fees has gone toward paying off debt associated with the construction of Dowling Hall eight years ago.

"I think you might find that the cost of parking decals and violations at Tufts are comparable to that of other campuses closer to the Boston area," Keith said.

The financial burden of parking citations, all of which have been transferred to her bursar bill, prevented James from carrying forth vacation plans.

"I [did not go] anywhere for spring break because of how many parking tickets I have,"

James said. "I just had to get two jobs to pay for them."

After the expiration of a temporary parking pass earlier this year, Shadick also fell victim to the enforcement of designated uphill parking. She now views the convenience of parking in the lots near Wren and Miller as largely overshadowed by the financial consequences.

"There was a gap in between parking situations where I didn't have anywhere to park, and it was really bad," Shadick said. "Still, I think the ramifications of parking illegally are not worth it. It's just too expensive; you might as well trek the extra ten minutes and put your car where it should be instead of paying hundreds of dollars in parking tickets."

Like Shadick, sophomore Wren resident Will Temple tries to avoid being ticketed.

"I've never had any personal experience with parking in the Wren lot and getting tickets, but I'm not going to risk getting a ticket to park there," Temple said.

In an attempt to avoid parking violations and still enjoy the convenience of lots prohibited to them, some sophomores have asked juniors or seniors to obtain passes for them.

"I have friends who park behind Wren, but they have gotten seniors to get their passes," James said. "If my car wasn't registered in my parent's name, I would have done the same thing."

Junior Junaid Hashim, a resident advisor in Wren Hall, has been asked to register cars for sophomores in the past.

"Although some people have

asked me to sign their parking passes for them, I can't because I don't have a license," Hashim said. "I definitely think they should just make it easier for sophomores to park where they want because it's not like there are that many cars on campus."

Many students are in agreement that the parking policy needs to be more lenient for sophomores.

"I don't even think the campus needs another parking lot," James said. "I think there should be ten spots [in the Wren parking lot] that are first-come, first-serve, or if not, that the lot should be open to sophomores for certain hours of the day. The parking situation needs to be re-evaluated."

Shadick felt that different pricing for parking passes would also be an improvement and less of a burden on student budgets.

"I would be very supportive of a tiered pricing system for parking passes, where the price would be based on the location of the parking lot used in relation to the center of the campus," she said.

Although Keith said that the parking policy could possibly be changed with further reviews to come in the future, time has painted a different outlook.

"Historically speaking, sophomores have not been able to park everywhere that upperclassmen have, not only due to the greater privileges that come with being an upperclassmen, but also due to the lack of space on campus," Keith said.

Benefits of tutoring services overlooked by many students

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and describe their research or describe their opinion on something," Lewis said. "To ask a student to get up even for 10 minutes and speak coherently about an academic subject — in some cases, that's asking a lot."

Lewis believes knowledge of public speaking can help students in all aspects of their college life.

"I think that a college experience is more fruitful and more valuable when it's more interactive and you yourself can participate as a scholar," she said.

Although the program was originally intended for students, faculty and administrators have also been utilizing its services.

"We get all kinds of questions, and we get all kinds of people at all different levels ... I actually tutored Amalia last week," Lewis said. "It's fun to work with people in [public speaking] because I think that we're tapping into talents that students don't even realize that they have."

But while the ARC is expanding its services and offering free tutoring in most academic subjects, its programs remain untapped by many students.

Sophomore Chelsea Neil, who is majoring in chemical engineering, said that she has never sought help from the ARC tutors because she hasn't felt that it would help her.

"I just haven't really needed them," Neil said. "In my classes, a lot of the students work together, so if I have questions I can just go to other students

or my teacher."

Senior Benjamin Brooks, however, supported the ARC.

"I think a lot of people don't know about the ARC's tutoring services, and that [they are] free," he said.

"It's fun to work with people in [public speaking] because I think that we're tapping into talents that students don't even realize that they have."

Helen Lewis
ARC public speaking tutor

Brooks, who tutors students in math, economics and Chinese, encourages students to take advantage of the programs that ARC offers.

"It really can't hurt you to come if you have a question that wasn't answered by a professor," he said.

"The drop-in hours are a great resource to get the advice of someone who's been in those classes before. In general I think that the people who work for the ARC are well qualified, and they're able to help people."

Lewis also hopes that students will take advantage of the services the ARC offers.

"In professional settings, once [they are] finished with college, people are asked very often to get up in front of a room and present information," she said.



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MOVIE REVIEW



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Never trust anyone who dresses in all white.

'Funny Games' offers audience few laughs

BY JACOB WORREL
Senior Staff Writer

Michael Haneke mounts a relentless assault on American audiences with his latest release, a shot-by-shot remake of his

Funny Games



Starring **Naomi Watts, Tim Roth, Michael Pitt, Brady Corbet**
Directed by **Michael Haneke**

provocative 1997 film "Funny Games." The entire movie works as a commentary on the saturation and glorification of graphic violence in Hollywood cinema. Rather than appropriating the conventions that turn brutality into a digestible form of entertainment, Haneke dwells on the horrifying

nature of human suffering.

The flawless screenplay, clever direction and slew of top-notch performances make for an intentionally nerve-wracking experience. "Funny Games" is not meant to be enjoyed, but it can be appreciated for its daring originality and masterly crafted argument.

A typically upper-middle-class family settles into their lakefront vacation house for a routine weekend trip. Father and son, George (played by Tim Roth) and Georgie (Devon Gearhart), immediately head out to the dock to launch their sailboat into the water while Anna (Naomi Watts) prepares dinner. Their idyllic holiday quickly turns sour when two uninvited guests, Paul (Michael Pitt) and Peter (Brady Corbet), show up at their door. The blond-haired, blue-eyed young men are perfectly polite at first, but they soon overstay their welcome and refuse to leave. The tension escalates

when one of the intruders hits George in the knee with a golf club. For the rest of the night, the family is held hostage as the two thugs torment them by inflicting acts of physical and psychological torture.

The structure of the plot is squarely situated within the horror tradition, yet Haneke reverses the audience's expectations of the story by violating the fundamental rules of the genre. The man of the house is paralyzed for the whole movie, leaving his wife and child at the mercy of two psychotic killers.

In addition, the filmmaker provides no reasoning behind the villains' insatiable thirst for blood. They murder for kicks and nothing more. In one scene, Anna asks Peter why he won't simply kill her. "You shouldn't forget the importance of entertainment," he responds. Paul mocks the

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THEATER REVIEW

'Shining' performances make for a haunting play

BY GABBI LEVY
Contributing Writer

As the divorce rate grows every year, the concept of marriage (and loyalty) comes into question. For what reasons ought a

Shining City



Written by **Conor McPherson**
Directed by **Robert Falls**
At the Huntington Theatre through Apr. 6 Tickets \$15 to \$64

man stay faithful to his wife? Should he feel guilty if he does not?

Conor McPherson's Tony-nominated ghost play, "Shining City," examines the lives of two Dubliners: John, a recent widower driven to therapy by the appearance of his late wife's ghost, and Ian, his young priest-turned-psychologist with relationship troubles of his own.

When John (played by John Judd) first enters Ian's (Jay Whittaker) office, he is reluctant to tell his story, but once the words start flowing, he is unable to stop them. Throughout the play, John slowly reveals the nature of his relationship with his wife, their inability to have children, and his desire to "just know there's something else" to life other than his stale mar-



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The actors in "Shining City" are able to express emotion without moving, and often do.

riage. His problems stem from the appearance of his wife's ghost in his house, forcing him to flee to a motel and to seek psychological help.

The parallels between Ian's and John's troubles ultimately suggest that the ghost appears because of John's lingering guilt over his lack of fidelity. Early in his sessions with Ian, John wonders aloud if he has settled

for second best in his life and his marriage, rather than pursuing a "better" wife.

Throughout the course of the play, John slowly heals as he unloads his guilt, transforming himself from a troubled and lonely man to one that is vivacious and content.

Ian is stricken by his conflicts with the

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LUMAY WANG | THE DAILY SHOPPER



Time to tie the knot

Now that spring has officially started and we're back from a relaxing spring break (for some, at least), I want to believe that it's time to break out the dresses and peep-toe sandals and shed the heavy coats and boots.

Too bad it's still 40 degrees out. But I realized that I can sneak some spring into my step with one simple accessory: the silk scarf.

The silk scarf is a classic. I mentioned it briefly in my last column. Donna Karan was totally on point when she said, "The scarf is the most versatile accessory." It can be worn in myriad ways to either complement an outfit or be the focus of attention. It comes in tens of thousands of colors, prints and patterns. The possibilities are endless!

When shopping for a silk scarf, you want to keep in mind the size, color, or pattern and quality. My mother taught me some guidelines, which I will impart to you.

First, real silk always feels and looks better than synthetic fibers (although there are some nice-looking polyesters out there). But not just any silk fabric is nice. Like cashmere, there are many varieties of silk, from chiffon to shantung. For a scarf, the smoother the better, as it will drape more freely and create more flow. Some polyesters, however, are high-quality and a cheaper alternative to silk. Polyesters are easier to maintain, but look out for super-shiny fabrics, which scream, "tacky." Good polyester fabric will be more matte, and, of course, the finish is incredibly important.

The finishing of the scarf is integral to quality. The hem is über-important. Hems should be rolled in with even stitches using the same color thread as the scarf. The hem should not exhibit any signs of pulling. Hand-rolled and hand-sewn hems are even better (but a little pricier) because the stitches are almost invisible. In addition, look for neat, flat backstitching. According to mother dearest, good finish is a must-have, while sloppy finish signals bad taste!

When shopping for your silk scarf, hit up vintage and consignment stores. Those places are treasure chests, full of unique (but sometimes tacky) choices.

The most basic silk scarf comes in a medium square size. This style can be tied around the neck, worn as a bandanna or casually tied around a purse handle. Miranda, the boss-from-hell of "The Devil Wears Prada" (2006), wears a white Hermès scarf around her wrist. I really like J. Crew's printed-silk twill scarf in navy paisley print (\$55.00).

With a larger square, you can drape it around the head and shoulders as a cover-up. To keep it from looking too babushka, don the shades, and you'll be channeling Audrey Hepburn.

Long and skinny scarves seem to be especially trendy this spring. The wearer, however, should be cautious with length. With long oblong scarves, I suggest wrapping it around the neck, tying an oversized bow and letting it drape naturally. Or use it as an obi-belt to cinch in a dress or blouse. Rachel Pally's Metallic Print Obi in Midnight with Gunmetal (\$28.50 at shopbop.com) is super versatile. You can wear it day or night. I also like Anna Sui's purple and black scarf (available at eBay.com).

As spring approaches, I will be sure to break out my scarves with another favorite accessory, the floppy hat. Whatever you decide to wear your scarf with, just have fun and welcome the spring! One more thing: Remember to stay fabulous!

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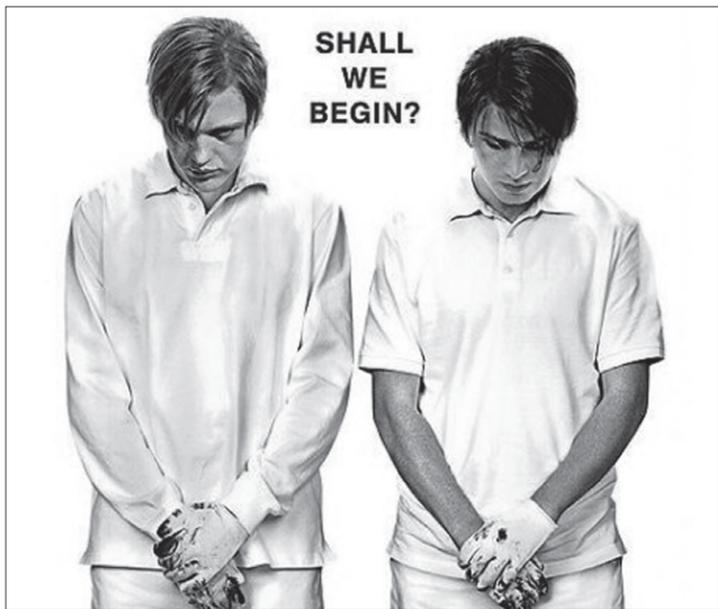
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Pitt and Corbet play a pair of polite sociopaths in "Funny Games."

Heneke's horror film spotlights graphic violence in cinema

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idea of having a motive by listing the cliché explanations that always account for violent behavior in films. He can't help but laugh as he tells his victims that his partner in crime is a white-trash, closeted homosexual who was molested as a child.

Haneke further disorients the audience with his unique filming techniques. In the opening scene, the dialogue is shot off screen as the husband and wife protagonists play a game of Name that Tune in the car. For the first few minutes, the director denies the audience the comfort of matching faces with the sounds of his main characters' voices.

Barely any of the violence happens within the frame. Instead, the long shots with little action or camera movement give the audience a

frighteningly intimate and observational perspective of the family's grueling emotional experience.

"Funny Games" is so successful at conveying the horror of the situation in part because of its stellar acting. Haneke agreed to work on this American remake on the condition that Watts play the lead female role. According to him, she is the actress most capable of showing extreme grief. Watts, Roth and Gearhart all deliver such realistic and gut-wrenching performances that they become almost unbearable to watch.

Pitt and Corbet maintain a chilling guise of civility. The vicious sociopaths never forget their "pleases" and "thank-yous" as they engage in endless acts of cruelty. Corbet's captivating rendition brings his more reserved, but equally threatening, character a distinct edge.

'Shining' questions marriage and fidelity

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living. He left the clergy in favor of living as a layperson, yet has clearly failed to adjust fully to such a life. While Ian seems to be a fairly competent therapist, his greatest problem is his lack of communication skills.

The action of the play never leaves Ian's office, which is set up with a large, leather couch at center stage and surrounded by the various daily trappings of a psychologist's office. Robert Falls, who directed the original production of "Shining City" on Broadway, uses light and shadow to a remarkable effect, creating stark images to move between scenes.

Just as his office is the only location of the action, Ian's story is the heart of "Shining City." Although John's narrative often steals the spotlight, there is a sense that his story is at an end. His wife is gone, but he will recover and move on. As he leaves Ian's office for the last time, he seems settled and at

peace. On the other hand, Ian is still at an impasse when the curtain falls. McPherson makes it startlingly clear how he feels about Ian's decision to renew his relationship with the mother of his child. The resemblance to John's experience leaves no doubt that Ian too has settled for second best.

"Shining City" combines aspects of a psychological thriller and a ghost story without being overly frightening. Instead, the presence of a ghost serves to both motivate John's revitalization and to sharply contrast it with Ian's experiences.

McPherson masterfully delves into the psyches of both Ian and John, forcing them to consider their duties as husbands and fathers. Ian's doubt stems from a completely different source than John's, but his dilemma is essentially the same. The story raises issues of when a person should stay in an unfulfilling relationship, and where the breaking point is.

The beauty of the play is most

evident in its circular dialogue and long, emotional monologues that move the plot forward without any real action. So much is revealed through word alone that nothing else seems necessary; the play could nearly be performed standing still. Robert Fall's genius is that he has directed very little gratuitous movement, instead allowing the characters' emotions to become the motivation for organic motion around Ian's office.

The two scenes with the most movement, when Ian breaks up with his child's mother and when he invites in a drifter, are both staged like chases, frenetic and anxious. Whittaker otherwise keeps his character very still, almost unnaturally so, as if he is attempting to keep himself under the tightest control for fear of bursting out. At its barest, "Shining City" is about human contact. McPherson created two characters, trapped in isolation by their own inability to communicate, desperate to find themselves.



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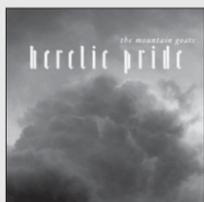
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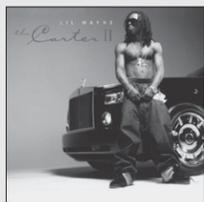
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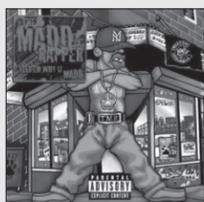
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EDITORIAL

No parking anytime — especially for sophomores

As Jumbos return to the greater Boston area today from their various spring break locales, they'll be greeted with the familiar quirks of Beantown: funny accents, kick-ass sports teams, an intolerable climate and traffic congestion unlike most other places on earth. Of course, here on the Hill, traffic problems usually manifest themselves in the form of parking woes that have become the bane of many an undergrad driver's existence.

While the Daily fully acknowledges that solving the parking crisis in the Medford-Somerville area would be something of a "Mission: Impossible"-level challenge, there are certainly steps that could be taken to alleviate some of the tensions arising from what is currently an unfair and unequal parking system on campus.

For starters, the gap between the parking privileges afforded to upperclassmen and those granted to sophomores is excessive and, ultimately, impractical. When it comes to dividing up a very limited resource in the most logical and equitable way possible, sophomore drivers clearly get the short end of the stick, being relegated to the

Cousens Gym and Hill Hall lots.

Not only do their junior and senior counterparts get access to the lots surrounding Wren and Carmichael Halls in addition to the Cousens and Hill lots, but they do so for the same price. According to the Tufts Public Safety Web site, both the Resident Student Parking Pass for juniors and seniors and the Sophomore Student Parking Pass cost \$480.

One might be able to rationalize this inequity by arguing that underclassmen often pay the same amount as juniors and seniors in situations where the latter group enjoys bonus privileges, such as the pecking order that governs course selections.

However, there is no particularly compelling argument to support upperclassmen's parking advantage over sophomores other than that, well, they're upperclassmen. When it comes to course selection, class favoritism allows undergrads fair and equal access over the course of a four-year education to a resource that is equally required by all students: classes. The same cannot be said of the parking system,

wherein scarce parking spaces are not necessarily as essential to upperclassmen as they are to sophomores.

When you stop and think about it, how many seniors do you know living in Wren or Carmichael? Let's face it, most upperclassmen at Tufts flee the Hill after their second year in order to avoid the housing crunch, and those that remain generally take up residence in the likes of Sophia Gordon Hall, Stratton Hall or the Latin Way apartments. How many of them, then, really utilize the uphill parking set aside for them?

The simplest solution to this obvious imbalance would be to merge the current Resident and Sophomore Parking Passes into a single Student Parking Pass, giving all sophomores, juniors and seniors equal and uninhibited access on a first-come, first-served basis to the parking locations that are currently available only to juniors and seniors.

Class favoritism might have its place in determining which students gain access to certain limited resources at Tufts, but parking is not one of them.

WAYNE STAYSKAL



OFF THE HILL | UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Harvard Law to waive tuition in exchange for public service

There may be a lot of lawyers in hell, but there certainly aren't enough working at non-profit law firms.

Enter Harvard Law School. America's premiere university is trying a new plan to funnel recent graduates into public service jobs. The program — which waives third-year tuition in exchange for public service work — is meant to alleviate graduate students' debt and increase the number of students choosing careers with the government and non-profit organizations. While the program has its flaws, the federal government and other universities should follow Harvard's lead and implement similar tuition aid programs.

Announced Tuesday, the Harvard program will provide free tuition for a year to law students completing their third year in exchange for a commitment to spend five years after graduation working for the government, at a non-profit organization or in another public service sector. This aid program is one-of-a-kind at American law schools. It hopes

to bring well-qualified Harvard Law graduates into influential public service careers. Because the tuition provided from the program is direct aid — rather than a loan — it offers an incentive for students to commit in order to avoid burying themselves in high-interest debt.

Always the trendsetter in higher education, Harvard is at it again. Career placement programs with financial incentives are a good way to attract graduates to unpopular — yet extremely important — government jobs, as well as bring in students who can't necessarily afford an elite law school education. Between 2003 and 2006, only 9.8 to 12.1 percent of Harvard Law's graduating class went on to work in nonprofit or government jobs. Instead of moving to six-figure-salary jobs, these talented students should be sharing their intellectual wealth. With endowments that rival the Gross Domestic Product of Samoa, these universities can help.

That's not to say that this program is without its flaws. Students needing the financial

aid are the ones attracted to this program and the ones who go into these public service jobs. However, this does nothing to push wealthier students into public service as well. If we are hoping to make these types of programs as meaningful as possible, students from all incomes must be involved.

While this program may have its pitfalls, the possible benefits are too great to overlook. Dually promoting public service work and an elite law school education will encourage students to receive higher education and contribute back to society — two things our country needs more of.

But to truly make an impact, this can't just be an option at Harvard. The federal government should spearhead providing tuition waivers in exchange for public service commitments. By providing financial incentive, universities and the government will contribute to filling public service jobs with highly educated graduates — an achievement that will help better our government, economy and community.

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MCT

Drug users need health care, not handcuffs

BY ROSS LAWRENCE
Cavalier Daily

Imagine a world where people addicted to cigarettes, alcohol or even prescription painkillers were plucked from society and treated as criminals. Sound like an invasion of privacy, a waste of resources or simply a bad idea? Current U.S. drug policy, which is mirrored by many countries throughout the world, dictates that illicit drug abusers are often treated in this way.

Granted, this analogy — like any other — isn't perfect. Different substances require different policies. Nonetheless, it is high time that the United States turns a critical eye towards its own strategies for tackling drug use. While wholesale legalization might yield the best results, the government doesn't need to necessarily go that far; simply emphasizing a public health approach over a criminal justice one could save money and have a positive effect on our communities.

For a sweeping reform of

the current system, extensive legalization is one option. And this would certainly have enormously positive outcomes. The United Nations estimated in 2005 that illegal drug trade is worth about \$321 billion annually. For those willing to accept the risks, this industry is a potential gold mine, lining the pockets of criminals, terrorists and corrupt public officials. Regulating this business would not only make it safer but could line governments' accounts with billions in tax revenue. Countries could certainly put this money to far better use than these illegitimate "narco-states" could.

Of course, the problem with outright legalization is that no one can reliably predict what the results will be. This is especially dependent on which substances are legalized. If the use of cocaine, for example, significantly increased, all of the positives mentioned above could easily be overshadowed by a public health crisis.

The problem with absolute

prohibition is, quite simply, that it doesn't work. While the goal is noble and well-intentioned, a "drug-free world" simply isn't realistic. Ethan Nadelmann, founder and executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance, argued this point in a *Foreign Policy* magazine article appearing last year. He pointed out a telling fact: In 1998, a U.N. General Assembly Special Session on drugs committed to "eliminating or significantly reducing the illicit cultivation of the coca bush, the cannabis plant, and the opium poppy by the year 2008." A decade later, the production of and demand for these substances are essentially the same, Nadelmann said.

While the heated debate over legalization rages on, something can be done in the meantime to ease the ill effects of this stalemate. By concentrating fewer resources on enforcing the criminalization aspect of drug policy, such as the cost of imprisonment, the United States can devote more funding

to demand- and harm-reduction programs.

While curbing demand for anything is extremely difficult, it has been done successfully. Take the case of smoking, for example. Beginning in 1965, public service campaigns determined to highlight the risks of cigarette smoking hit the airwaves. Since then, smoking rates have been cut in half. Certainly some of the credit for this belongs to demand-reduction efforts.

The harm-reduction piece of the equation comes in the form of both prevention and rehabilitation. Syringe-exchange programs, the availability of antidotes and medication, and the expanded use of drug treatment facilities all are supported by groups such as the American Medical Association. Additionally, the expansion of these programs generally saves taxpayer money, as they are more economical front-end methods of spending that reduce back-end spending such as criminal justice and health care costs.

While such measures have been taken in the United States, they have also been slow in overcoming political inertia. The stigma associated with drug use and the power of social conservatism have made it politically advantageous to cling to the "War on Drugs" rhetoric and treat substance abuse as a moral sin that must be eradicated. As a result, programs that seek to help addicts rather than punish them have had a difficult time getting enacted.

The repercussions of this should not be written off. According to Mathea Falco, the president of Drug Strategies, a nonprofit research institute, "Federal support for demand reduction is now about one third of the total drug budget, and treatment is available for only one in three of those who need help."

While adopting more public health strategies won't come close to ending the problems of drug abuse, it is a step in the right direction, and one that is long overdue.

OFF THE HILL | EMORY UNIVERSITY

China isn't the only villain

BY SASHA YAN
Emory Wheel

It is crucial to understand, when thinking about the issue of Tibet, that the English word "Tibetan," like "Cantonese" or "Taiwanese," is not a term of nationality but rather a descriptive term for the region, culture and ethnic group.

The misconception that all Chinese are of one ethnic group creates the logic that Tibetans are not Chinese. This is false. China consist of 56 ethnic groups, including Han, Tibetan, Mongolian, Hmong and Korean. Most people usually refer to Chinese as Han, but in reality, the English word "Chinese" in Mandarin means "the people of the Middle Kingdom," a term which includes all groups.

When Buddhism was first introduced in Tibet during the seventh century, Tibet began a long and complicated relationship with China. It became an official part of China during China's Yuan Dynasty in 1247, and the Mongolian emperor of Yuan granted the title "Dalai Lama" to Tibet's Buddhist leader.

Tibet was part of China and was self-governed throughout the Ming and Qing dynasties. In 1904, Britain invaded Tibet following the opium wars against China and the British asserted control over Tibet. After its establishment, the Republic of China soon regained Tibet, and that control was maintained by the People's Republic of China.

The Chinese government then abolished the serfdom system in Tibet, helping the impoverished majority. But as a result of this positive development, the Chinese government engendered resentment from a small percentage of the wealthy and the privileged, including the Dalai Lama and his regime.

The Chinese government has received heavy criticism for its "invasion" of Tibet in the 1950s and been hyperbolically accused of killing millions of Tibetans. But it is unfair for outsiders to single out the "repression of religion and culture" perpetrated on the people of Tibet without pointing out that the same reforms were made throughout all of China during the 20th century.

I find it ironic that a feudal leader is now viewed as the embodiment of the

potential for Tibetan democracy. The Dalai Lama has appointed most of his own family members to high-ranking positions in his government-in-exile — hardly the beginnings of a meritocracy. Though the Dalai Lama has been successful in marketing his people's actions as "peaceful, non-violent protest," the recent riots paint a much less pleasant picture.

What is happening in Lhasa is no different from the acts of terror perpetrated by Middle Eastern terrorist groups. The Tibetan extremists in Tibet and its neighboring provinces "attacked anyone and anything that looked Han Chinese." They beat people to death, killed innocent Han civilians, burned shops, destroyed public buildings and road signs, and bombed important city sites. Yet the Western media has only focused on the CCP's speech about the issue, the response of the Chinese police and the supposed history of repression.

But "repression" could not be further from the truth. The Tibetan people, like the rest of the 55 ethnic minority groups in China, enjoy minority-only benefits such as affirmative action, exemption

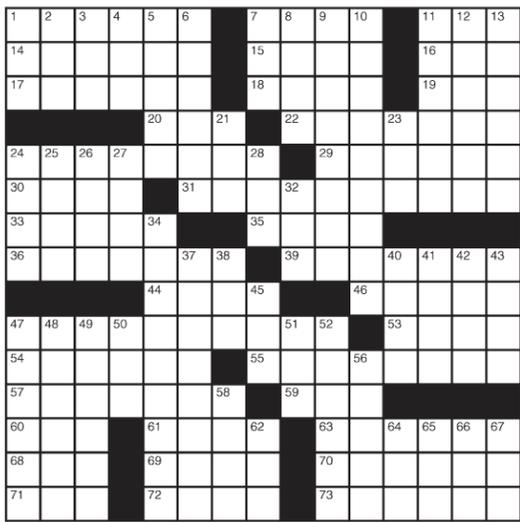
from the "one-child" policy and economic development programs that pour hundreds of millions of Yuan into Tibet each year to help build schools, hospitals and infrastructure. In fact, impoverished Han peasants from poorer provinces have been moving to Tibet in search of a better life. This hardly sounds like "cultural genocide."

No one wants conflict. The Chinese government has set economic development as its priority, and the country is not the same place that the Dalai Lama remembers from 50 years ago. This young, vibrant country with booming cities is the fastest growing economy in the world. Activists like to chant "Free Tibet," but freedom would not benefit the actual people of the region — rather, it would simply exacerbate already existing imbalances.

With only months until the Olympic Games, the world is watching China. It should also, though, make sure to keep an eye on the sometimes brutal actions of certain Tibetan agitators. It takes two to tango, and this is far from a black-and-white issue with China solely to blame.

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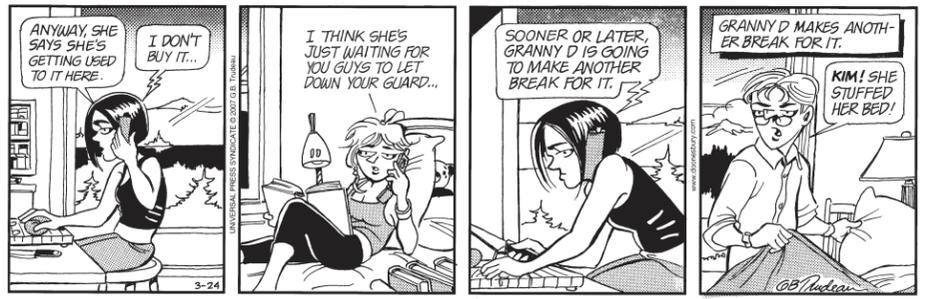
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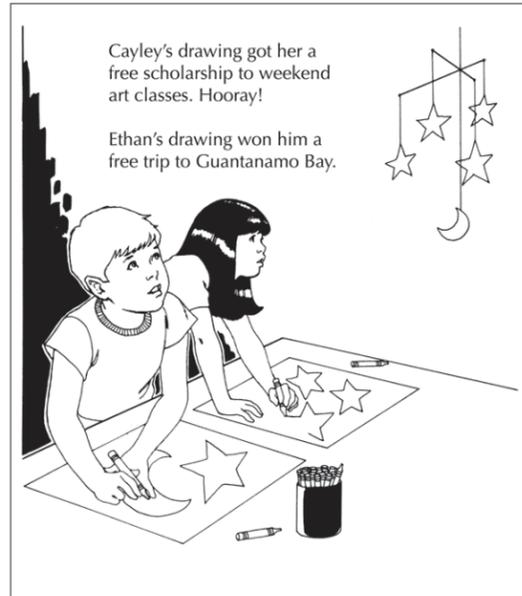


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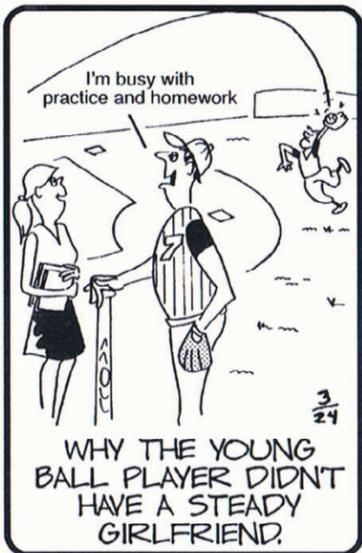
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Senior Dave Sorensen ran a 4:17.52 mile at Nationals last week.

Sorensen just misses out on All-American honors in mile

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tie or better the distance of Fisk University freshman Kamar Jones, who reached 48 feet, nine inches. But Marcy fouled on all three attempts.

"This has to do with the coaching staff and the weight trainers; they put together a great program that helped get my hamstring back into shape. I jumped even farther than before I got injured."

Dan Marcy
senior quad-captain

were close to his or my best," Marcy said. "My last jump was closer. It was definitely the best of the three fouls, but I don't know if I would've won it on that jump or not. I went up there, tried my best and came up a little short. But I'm still really happy."

Also competing at Nationals were senior quad-captain Dave Sorensen in the mile and junior James Bradley in the high jump.

Sorensen's time of 4:17.52 was fourth in preliminaries, but he slowed by a couple of seconds in the finals, finishing with a time of 4:19.29. That placed him ninth out of 10 competitors — just one spot away from earning All-American status, which went to the top eight finishers.

Bradley, who was tied with two others for the final qualifying mark of the 13 competitors in the high jump, did not make it to the finals. He, along with two other competitors, could not clear the opening height of the meet.

"My fourth and fifth jumps, I don't think either of those two

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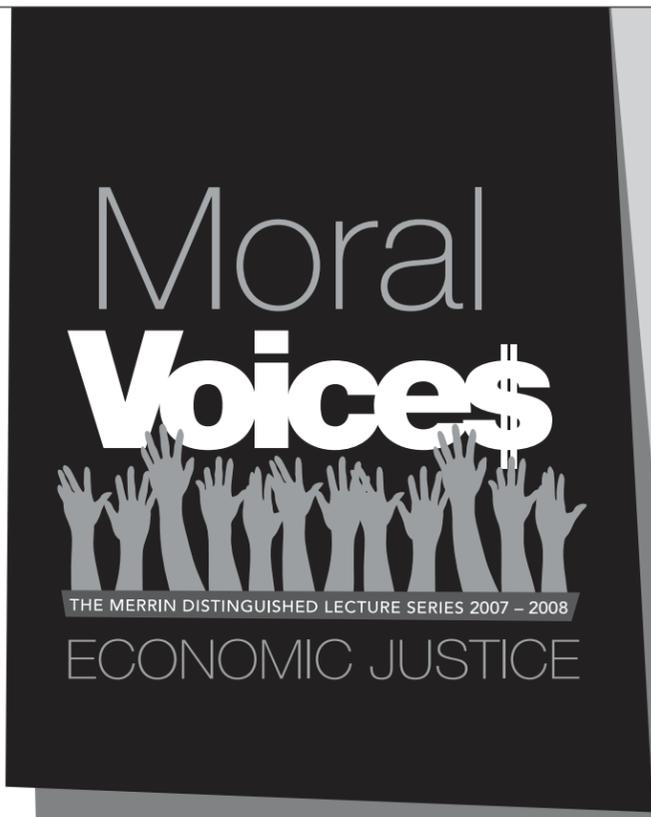
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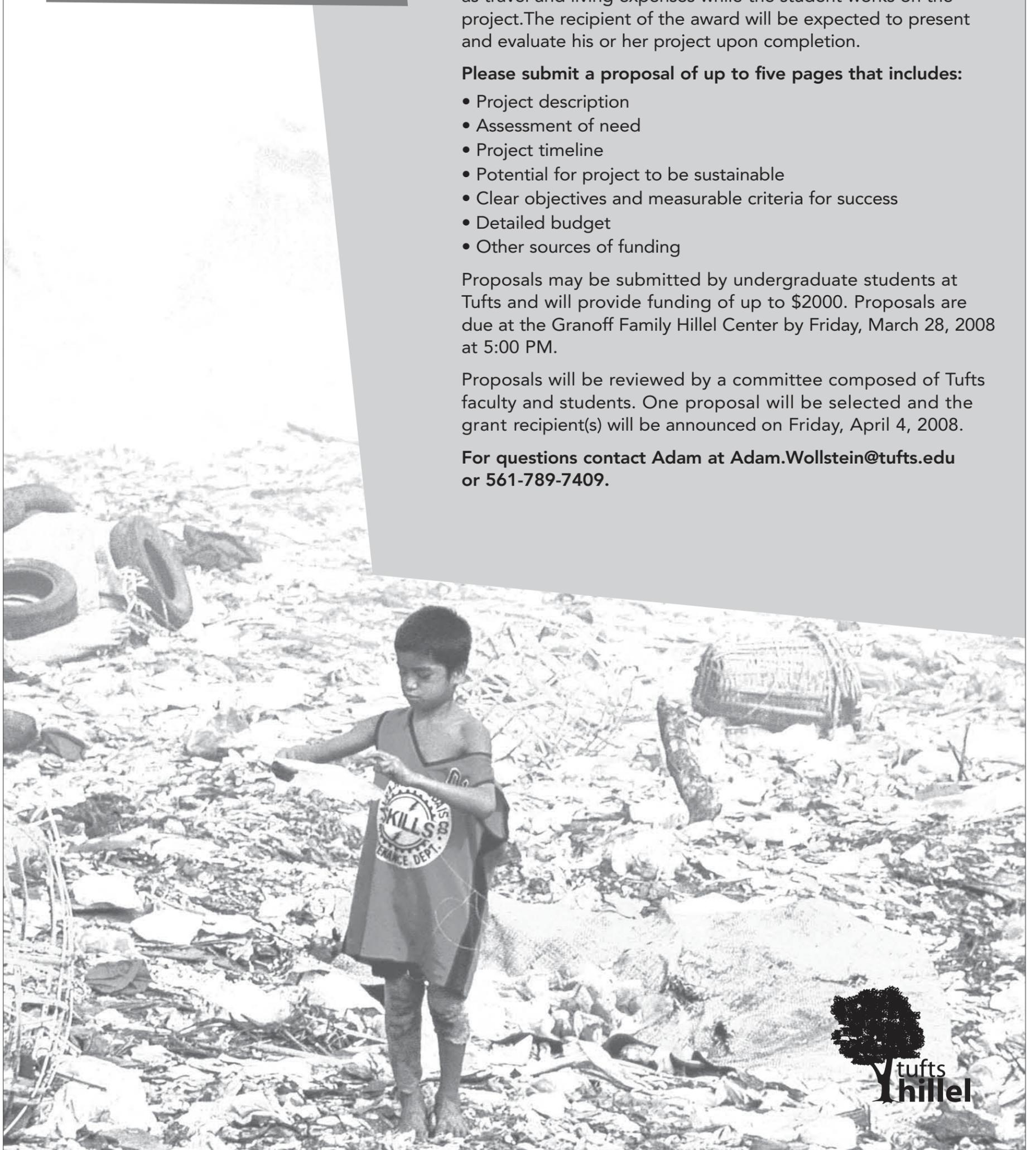
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Jumbos post mixed results in open events at Nationals

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helped put them over the edge this time around.

"Our experience definitely helped prepare us, especially coming in second place last year [in this event]," O'Brien said. "We went in with the goal of winning."

The only freshman on the relay team, McNamara, was able to benefit from the seniors' experience.

"It's nice for Steph to go with people who've been [to Nationals] a lot," Morwick said. "She's lucky to have the seniors to guide her and to have had two good Nationals experiences as a freshman."

"Hopefully in the next few years we'll be seeing her competing in individual events at Nationals," Beck added. "It will be exciting to see her develop."

Just about two hours before the DMR, Beck and O'Brien competed in the open mile. After preliminary finishes in third and fourth, respectively, the duo made its mark in the final heat. Beck earned All-American honors by coming in third place with a time of 4:59.72. O'Brien was right behind her in fifth place, finishing in 5:03.40.

Fitzpatrick competed in the 400-meter dash three events before the DMR, which gave her very little time for recovery. Although she didn't make it to finals, the senior scored a personal record by posting a time of 58.18 seconds.

Sophomore Logan Crane was

the other individual performer at the meet, competing in the 55-meter dash. She was placed in the fastest preliminary heat and finished in fourth place with a time of 7.22 seconds — just one frustrating hundredth of a second off of the qualifying time to break finals in the event.

"It was her best trial time ever, but the dash was just super competitive," Morwick said. "She can't be unhappy with her season, though. She broke a very long-standing record and made it to Nationals — not too shabby."

The team overall was very pleased with its performance, and the seniors enjoyed a triumphant end to their indoor track careers.

"We were all really psyched," O'Brien said. "What a perfect way to cap off the season and my indoor career."

"It was so exciting," Beck added. "I don't see how it could have gone better, and it was awesome to be able to share that moment with the rest of the girls."

Now that the indoor season is over, the Jumbos must start looking ahead to the outdoor season, which starts this weekend with their invitational, the Snowflake Classic.

"[Outdoor] is such a short season that we really have to get right into it," Morwick said. "We're possibly even stronger for outdoor; we'll have a few more events that will benefit us. We're maybe hoping to win NESCACs this year, which we've never done before."

Kono impressive in first Nationals appearance

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

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got nothing to lose,' and I did my fourth dive which I haven't really done super well throughout the entire season ... I got eights, 8.5s and nines, which is unheard of in an optional dive," Swett said. "That was probably the turning point for me in finals."

In the 1-meter dive, Swett's score of 455.20 edged Rezac (453.45) and her practice rival, MIT's Doria Holbrook (438.65).

"I don't normally do as well in 1-meter than 3-meter and I was just happy to be there at the finals," she said. "I didn't put any pressure on myself and did the dives I've done every day and did them better than I've ever done them. It was one of the major highlights of that day."

Coach Nancy Bigelow was thrilled to see Swett's career as a Jumbo end so triumphantly.

"She was our first national champion and to see her do it again ... My heart was pounding out of my chest during the final event," she said. "It was important for Kendall to do well and Tufts was extremely proud of her. There are no words for how I felt. It's a culmination of her 15 or so years of diving; all the pieces fell into place for her."

Swett's performance was all the more remarkable considering she had been recovering from the flu during the week leading up to the championships. The illness did not deter her whatsoever, as the senior was able to use her past experience on the NCAA stage to key in on her important dives.

"You're just focused more on what you have to do," Swett said.

"It was a long day; it was really hard and I wasn't feeling great, but when the finals came I was like, 'Well I have this last bit of energy left and I'm going to put it all in this,' which is exactly what you want to do."

The other Tufts diving standout, Gardel, had more of an up-and-down weekend. She managed to pick up her second honorable-mention All-American distinction following a 12th-place showing in the 3-meter dive. But due to a mixup in dive order in the 1-meter diving event, she scored zero points on one dive, which jeopardized her chance of being in the top 16.

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Nancy Bigelow
coach

"She did the wrong dive when they announced the dive number, and the two dives that she confused have the same number but are in a different order," diving coach Brad Snodgrass said. "It's the kind of mistake that every diver makes once in their life and unfortunately she made it that week. She was a

great sport about it. It's something that brings a lot of tears but she still almost made the top 16 despite the missed dive."

The only swimmer to compete, freshman Megan Kono, also got her first taste of NCAA championship action and came away with valuable experience.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Kono swam 5:06.13 for 21st place out of 44 swimmers and followed that up with a 29th place (1:57.25) showing in the 200-yard freestyle. She did best in the 1,650 freestyle where her 19th place finish (17:40.20) was just three spots shy of earning her an honorable mention All-American plaque.

"It was still her second-best time of her life in the 500, and she did her second-best time in the 1,650 free," Bigelow said. "She had a very solid performance. As a freshman it was a great learning experience for her and next year she's going to come back stronger."

Snodgrass, who also coaches the MIT and Northeastern divers, was also honored at the NCAA Championships with the Diving Coach of the Year award. All together, he had four of his divers get invited to Nationals: Swett, Gardel, Holbrook and Tufts sophomore Rob Matera, who dove this past weekend in the men's national championship meet.

"It's one of those things that happens just once in a lifetime so it's really a thrill for me," Snodgrass said. "It's also reflective of the diver I've been lucky enough to have coached — Swett — so I really owe it to her as well."

Bench comes up big in upset of No. 5 Eagles

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that nearly saved its season. After a pair of three-pointers by sophomore guard Vanessa Miller and Moynihan, a conventional three-point play by senior co-captain Khalilah Ummah cut the deficit to four with 31 seconds to go.

"It's a never-say-die attitude," Berube said. "We like to think that we're ballers, and a baller wouldn't just give up a game ... We wanted to give it everything we had to keep our season going. It shows a lot about our character that we were right there at the end."

"At no point in that game did we accept a loss," Moynihan added. "With two minutes left, I can remember Khalilah turning to me and saying, 'We got this. That's plenty of time.' The fight in our team this year was amazing, and it really showed in the last two minutes of that game when we wouldn't give up and tried to plow our way back into the game."

In the end, however, the Jumbos' effort wasn't enough. Lobach was clutch down the stretch, icing Messiah's second-ever Final Four appearance with three free throws and a game-ending layup. Though Tufts held Lobach to just 4-of-11 shooting from the field, the Falcon senior quad-captain still managed a game-high 19 points thanks to an 11-of-14 performance from the free throw line.

"She's an All-American for a reason," Berube said. "She's got very good body control, and she knows how to escape the help defense when it comes and how to get to the rim and make contact. The night before, she got to the

free throw line 23 times. What can you do? We gave her what we could, and it just wasn't quite enough."

The Jumbos made their first Elite Eight appearance in school history after scoring a monumental Sweet Sixteen victory over Mary Washington on March 14. Having reached the Final Four last year and earned the preseason No. 1 ranking in the nation, the Eagles were a national powerhouse with a vast edge in experience over Tufts, which was in the midst of just its first ever NCAA Tournament appearance.

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Kim Moynihan
junior guard

But the Jumbos rose to the occasion, weathering a first-half storm that saw their starting frontcourt tandem of Ummah and Tausanovitch on the bench in foul trouble for much of the period. Tufts' reserves provided a huge lift, combining for 11 first-half points and helping the Jumbos take a six-point lead into halftime.

"People stepped up in situations where we needed them to step up," Berube said. "I think [sophomore] Julia Baily did a phenomenal job when she

came in there defensively, and [sophomore] Casey Sullivan and [junior] Stacy Filocco were two big sparks off the bench. We pieced it together and were able to get our big girls back in the second half."

But Mary Washington would not go quietly. Senior All-American center Liz Hickey, held to 1-of-6 shooting in the first half, exploded for eight points over the first 4:25 of the second to help the Eagles pull to a 31-31 tie.

After 11 minutes and five lead changes, the Eagles had a two-point cushion. But the Tufts bench delivered again. This time, Miller provided the spark, drilling a go-ahead three-pointer with 90 seconds remaining, stealing the ball from Hickey on Mary Washington's last possession and icing the game with two free throws.

The victory was the highlight of a season that has seen the Jumbos take their program to new heights, having obliterated the program's wins record and put themselves on the national map with a deep run in the NCAA Tournament. The success fostered a camaraderie the team will have trouble leaving behind.

"It definitely hurts to have your season come to an end because you've become so close to these girls," Moynihan said. "It's a sisterhood, as we like to call it. You see these girls practically everyday, and it's hard to let that go. But I don't think for a second we can hang our heads because we're all very proud of what we accomplished this year. We're all going to take this and hopefully use it as motivation for next year."

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INSIDE THE NBA

Much-maligned Cheeks has Sixers streaking into playoff hunt

BY ETHAN LANDY
Daily Editorial Board

It does not take much to make the playoffs in the Eastern Conference these days. While a 50-win team might be left out of the postseason in the West, the **Atlanta Hawks** are currently in position to make the playoffs in the East, despite sitting nine games under .500 with a record of 30-39.

But regardless of the dearth of quality playoff teams in the East, nothing should be taken away from what Maurice Cheeks and the **Philadelphia 76ers** have accomplished during their recent run that has catapulted them into the playoff race.

The Sixers have won 17 of their last 22 games, including a recent four-game winning streak that featured wins over the **San Antonio Spurs** and the **Detroit Pistons**. The win over the Pistons was of particular importance for this young Philly team, as an opening-round matchup with Detroit looms if they cannot leapfrog the **Toronto Raptors** or **Washington Wizards**, both of whom are no more than a game ahead of seventh-place Philly in the conference standings.

The recent run has been triggered by the strong play of veteran point guard Andre Miller. Acquired in the Dec. 20, 2006 Allen Iverson trade with the **Denver Nuggets**, Miller was thought to be one of the likely targets for a contender at the trade deadline. Instead, new general manager Ed Stefanski held onto Miller in an effort to spur the Sixers' playoff run, and he has done just that. Miller is the second leading scorer on the team, and he runs the offense efficiently, contributing 6.7 assists a game.

He has also played the role of a mentor for young backup point guard Louis Williams. The former high school star from Georgia has teased Philly fans for years with his promise, but this season he has truly broken out. His minutes per game have doubled, going from 11 to 22, and he has responded by averaging double figures with 11.1 points and becoming a threat from three-point range, where he is shooting 36 percent.

Philadelphia has also seen the recent

emergence of a few other young players, particularly rookie forward Thaddeus Young. The 12th pick in last year's draft, Young has only recently accrued significant playing time. He has responded by averaging 7.6 points per game and becoming a key cog in the Sixers high-flying transition offense.

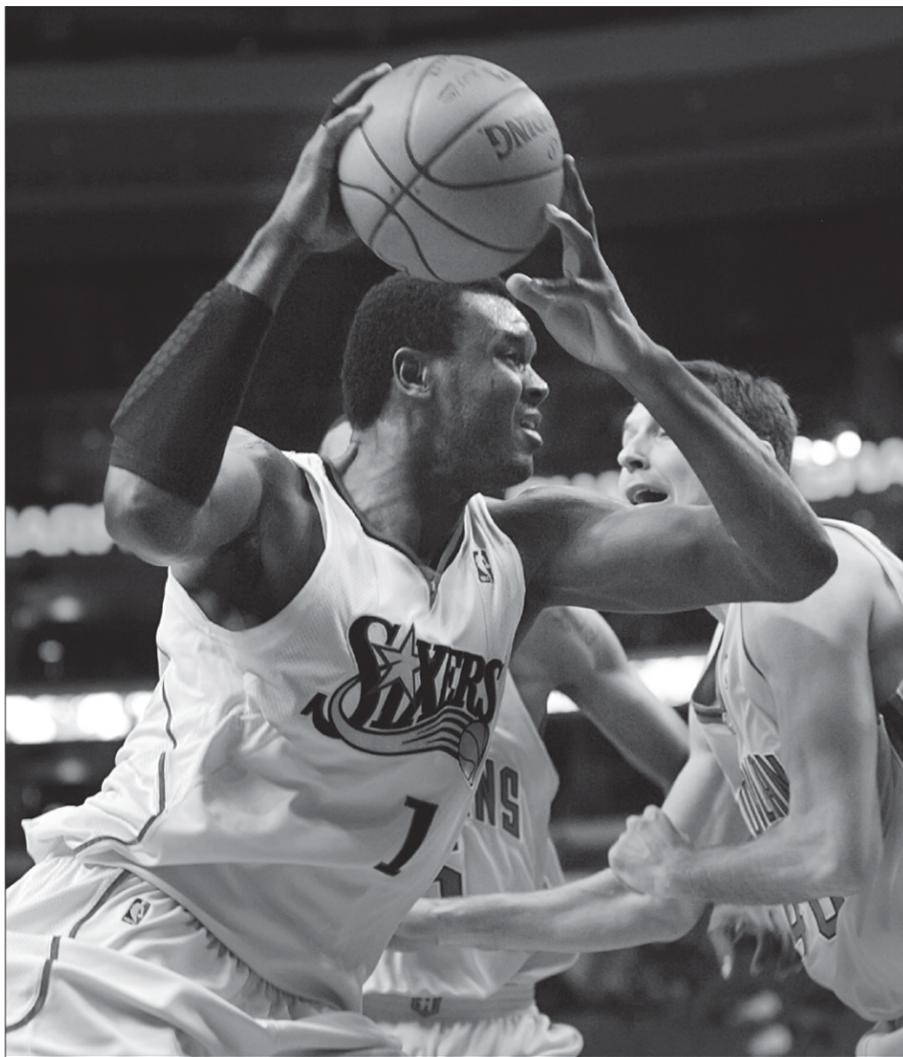
That is not to say that the veterans are not contributing as well. Shooting guard Willie Green has continued his form from last season, when he came back from major knee surgery, and is averaging 12.8 points per contest.

In addition, big man Samuel Dalembert has finally found his place under Cheeks. Labeled as a disappointment despite getting a six-year contract worth \$10 million a year from the Sixers, Dalembert has improved by leaps and bounds this season. The seven-footer has averaged a double-double with 10.7 points and 10.1 rebounds, and is fourth in the league in blocks as the lone force in the paint for the Sixers defense.

The star of the team is small forward and free-agent-to-be Andre Iguodala. The team's leading scorer at just under 20 points a game, Iguodala has emerged as the first true star since the original A.I. He has displayed a more complete game this season, adding 5.4 rebounds and 4.6 assists to his numbers while also continuing to play the characteristically strong defense that has him sixth in the league in steals.

Iguodala will be a restricted free agent this summer, and he curiously turned down a \$57 million contract extension last summer. The former Arizona star could be seeking a max contract, and while he has continued to improve, he has not shown that he has the ability to carry a team to a championship.

The Sixers have been winning the way good teams do: with defense. With Dalembert patrolling the paint and a slew of athletic defenders led by Iguodala on the outside, the Sixers are seventh in the NBA in holding opponents to 95.8 points a game, and they force over 15 turnovers a game. Cheeks has managed to get the most out of a team that is inexperienced and has marginal talent, proving that the Sixers



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Once considered a first-round bust, Sixers big man Samuel Dalembert has posted a strong season thus far, averaging a double-double while anchoring Philly's defense. The Sixers have won 17 of their last 22 games and currently sit in seventh in the East.

made a smart move by bringing back the former player after he was jettisoned by the **Portland Trail Blazers**.

While it is unlikely that Philadelphia can get far in the postseason, just making it there will be quite an accomplishment for

Cheeks' team. Many experts were picking the Sixers to finish last in the entire Eastern Conference. Now, they are firmly entrenched in a playoff spot and look to have a bright future under the leadership of one of the best coaches in the game.

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Domestic Dynamics 10:30am-11:45am

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MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD



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Senior quad-captain Dan Marcy took second place in the triple jump at the NCAA Championships over spring break, securing the second All-American finish of his career. Only Fisk University's Kamar Jones bested Marcy's jump of 48 feet, 2.5 inches.

Marcy jumps to second-place Nationals finish

New York native scores All-American track honors for second time in triple jump

BY DAVID HECK
Daily Editorial Board

Entering the season, the men's indoor track and field team was left with a gaping hole in its lineup thanks

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Div. III Championships on March 14. Marcy's second-place finish tallied eight points for Tufts, tying the team for 25th place in the nation and earning the Middletown, N.Y. native the second All-American honor of his career.

Marcy last participated in Nationals during his sophomore season, and a hamstring injury derailed his bid to return there last year. The battle to get back to form this season makes his accomplishments all the more impressive, and for Marcy, satisfying.

"It feels really good," Marcy said. "One of the things I was worried about last year, after I got hurt and competed a little bit during the outdoor season, was how well I'd be able to jump again. I wasn't sure I'd be able to return to the shape of sophomore year."

"This has to do with the coaching staff and the weight trainers," he continued. "They put together a great program that helped get my hamstring back into shape. I jumped even farther than before I got injured. It feels great, and now I'm just looking forward to outdoor season."

Seeded fourth after his jump

of 48 feet, 2.5 inches at the ECAC Championships, Marcy bested that performance after just the first flight of preliminaries, jumping 48 feet, 4.5 inches. That mark was the best of Marcy's season and career.

"I would say that it comes from the coaching staff knowing how to keep the athletes well and knowing what parts of the year to hit the training and weights pretty hard," Marcy said. "They know how to peak us at the right time. The goal of every athlete is to have their best performances at the later parts of the season. For most people on the team, that was the case."

Marcy's preliminary mark placed him second out of nine qualifiers for the final. Still, he knew he had to keep up the intensity to be able to reach that distance again.

"I felt like I had a pretty good chance of hitting it again," Marcy said. "I was very happy with it at the time, but I wasn't complacent. I knew it would take another really good effort."

Marcy matched the distance on his third jump, giving him three chances to

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JEREMY STRAUSS | ERRORS, BIG MISTAKES AND CALAMITIES



Madness!

What a week! Between March Madness, tennis upsets and of course, the ever popular NHL, who could sit still for more than two seconds?

An absence of the column last week persuaded me to write four analyses, rather than the usual three, in this edition of "Errors, Big Mistakes and Calamities."

Can they get any worse? The Boston Bruins, who just a few weeks ago seemed locked into the NHL playoff picture, are in danger of pulling off a New York Mets-caliber collapse. On Saturday night, the Bruins, who have won two of their last 10 games, managed a shootout loss to their rival Montreal Canadiens. The defeat marked the Hub of Hockey's 11th straight loss to the boys from north of the border. While we'll see how things shape up in the final weeks of the NHL season, like it or not, losing 11 straight to one team is nothing less than a pathetic **calamity**.

Fed, meet Fish. And now, to the lords of the court. Roger Federer's name has always placed high among modern tennis greats. At Indian Wells, Calif. on Saturday, however, Federer exposed his weaknesses by falling to a tough opponent.

Andy Roddick? Lleyton Hewitt? Billie Jean King? If you guessed any of these names, you clearly didn't remember the hottest name in tennis today: Marcy Fish, an American currently ranked 98th.

Fish downed Federer in straight sets, proving that even the seemingly invincible are, in fact, capable of losing a tennis match. Because Federer seems to have proven himself over the years, I'll only saddle him with an **error**.

Too much MSG. Those of you who know me well understand that I wouldn't ordinarily call out the New York Rangers on a mishap. However, a certain report on the Broadway Blueshirts' fans and organization this week leaves me no other option. The story goes that a large number of Rangers fans engage in a specific homophobic chant to coincide with the exhibition of one awkwardly dancing fan shown on the JumboTron toward the conclusion of home games. Many fans have taken offense to the repetitions of "Homo Larry" that flood the arena, and it's even reported that a select number of supporters cancelled their longtime season ticket subscriptions to protest.

Madison Square Garden, the megacorporation that owns the team and everything having to do with it, ultimately gets the blame for this fiasco. The image of the Rangers shouldn't be that of drunk, obnoxious and homophobic New York fans, and MSG should do more to stop this **calamity** of a custom before it's too late.

They're not professional for a reason. It's always nice to see Coach K and Duke fall sooner rather than later, and this year, the Blue Devils graced us all with an especially poor three-point shooting exhibition and an early egress in the second round at the hands of West Virginia. My rating: It's Duke, and while they always should do better, they normally don't — so it's a **big mistake**, folks.

Georgetown put the all-too-soon finishing touches on an otherwise spectacular season yesterday afternoon with a second round loss to Davidson College. My rating: Because the Hoyas managed to blow a generous lead in the second half to a team seemingly well below them, we have our first real March Madness **calamity**.

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Athletes of the Week

IAN GOLDBERG, BASEBALL

Freshman outfielder Ian Goldberg has made quite the impression during the baseball team's (6-4) spring break trip to North Carolina and Virginia. Heading into Sunday's game against Virginia Wesleyan, the team's 11th of the trip, Goldberg was fourth on the team with a .405 batting average, leading the squad with 15 RBI and three triples. His play has helped spur Tufts' four-game winning streak following the team's 2-4 start.

Goldberg has established himself as the Jumbos' leadoff hitter, and Tufts is 6-2 in games where he bats first. He is leading the team with 14 runs, has posted five multi-hit games and sports a sparkling .447 on-base percentage.

Goldberg has also shown significant pop, blasting two home runs and slugging .714, second only to junior Steve Ragonese. Against Guilford, Goldberg led off the game with a shot to right field, and his home run in a losing effort against North Carolina Wesleyan temporarily swung the momentum back in Tufts' favor.

Thus far, Goldberg has played a flawless outfield, posting a 1.000 fielding percentage entering Sunday's game.

The baseball team will commence its NESCAC schedule on Friday with a game at Bates.



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COURTNEY THOMAS, WOMEN'S LACROSSE

The leading scorer for Tufts last season with 35 goals, junior Courtney Thomas has picked up where she left off in the first four games of the women's lacrosse team's 2008 campaign. Thomas already has 13 goals to lead her team so far on the season, and the high-scoring Jumbos opened up their schedule by going 3-1.

Thomas was most impressive in her team's 21-6 dominating non-conference win over Wheaton last Tuesday, a game in which the junior poured in seven goals to finish one shy of the Tufts single-game record. Thomas scored her first three goals in the last 10 minutes of the opening half, as the Jumbos stretched their lead over the Lyons to 13-4 at the half. She then added four more in the final 30 minutes.

Thomas has been an important part of the Tufts offense this year, scoring at least one goal in every game. She also is tied for the team lead with 14 points on the season along with fellow junior Maya Shoham.

Tufts picked up its initial NESCAC win Saturday at Wesleyan by hanging on for a 9-7 victory after jumping out to a 6-2 lead early in the first half. The Jumbos now must ready themselves for an important two-game stretch this week featuring two NESCAC foes in the Conn. College Camels and the Trinity Bantams.

Women's track, diving earn national championships

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Senior Swett scores sweep of both 1- and 3-meter diving events

BY SARINA MATHAI
Senior Staff Writer

Senior Kendall Swett ended her record-breaking diving career in spectacular fashion, capturing both the 1- and 3-meter diving titles at the NCAA Championships over spring break.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING (5-3)
NCAA Div. III Championships
at Wooster, Ohio, March 13-15
25th out of 52 teams

As a team, Tufts garnered 45 points, which placed it at 21st out of 52 teams. Fourty of those points came from Swett, with sophomore Lindsay Gardel accounting for the last five.

Only four hours away from her hometown of Akron, Ohio, Swett's last meet as a Jumbo was a memorable one, as she broke her own record of 493.20 points in the 3-meter dive with a score of 509.30. It took an otherworldly performance from Swett to win the championship, since the two who followed her in points — Smith College's Shanti Freitas (507.60) and Maggie Rezac, her former teammate from Lake Forest, (495.65) — also broke her old record.

Swett knew she was in for a special day when she executed the inward 2.5 dive, something that normally gives her some trouble, better than she had ever done before in the 3-meter event.

"My first three dives were good but I wanted them to be better. I was nervous but after the third dive I said [to myself], 'You've



COURTESY MATT DILYARD/COLLEGE OF WOOSTER

Senior Kendall Swett swept both the 1- and 3-meter diving events at the NCAA Championships over spring break, capping a record-breaking career that has seen her earn six All-American nods.

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WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

DMR quartet of Beck, O'Brien, Fitzpatrick and McNamara races to championship win

BY SARA DEFOREST
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The women's track and field distance medley relay team took home a national title with

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD
NCAA Div. III Championships
at Ada, Ohio, March 14-15
6th out of 67 teams

its performance in the NCAA Div. III Indoor Championships on March 14.

With the 14th national championship in the history of the Tufts program, along with points gained in the open mile event, the Tufts team captured sixth place overall at the championships.

The Jumbos ended up scoring 20 total points at the meet, just one short of making the meet's top four, which would have earned the program an All-American title. But with the focus on individual goals, the Jumbos were thrilled with their performance.

"If we had really gone after [a team win] by putting more people in events to get more points, we probably could have finished in the top four," coach Kristen Morwick said. "But we already accomplished our team goals by winning the

Open New Englands, and now we were working on individual performances."

The DMR team consisted of freshman Stephanie McNamara leading off in the 1,200-meter leg, and seniors Kaleigh Fitzpatrick, Katy O'Brien and Cat Beck running the 400, 800 and 1,600 respectively. The team's finishing time of 11:46.79 not only won the race, but broke the Ohio Northern Sports Center's record of 11:46.90, which was set in 2002 by the Wisconsin-Oshkosh squad.

The Jumbos' biggest competition in the race came from the University of St. Thomas, but they handled the pressure well and held the lead for the entire race. St. Thomas ended up with a time of 11:48.10.

"We tried to stay relaxed, but I was terrified when Katy handed me the baton," Beck said. "[As I was running], I made sure not to think about what was going on behind me. We had a lot of confidence and faith in each other's races."

The DMR squad was no stranger to the big stage, as Fitzpatrick and Beck had been a part of the team that finished second at Nationals last year in a school-record 11:35.54. The Jumbos believe the experience

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Jumbos top UMW in Sweet Sixteen but fall short of Final Four berth

BY SAPNA BANSIL
Daily Editorial Board

With a chance to send its record-breaking season to college basketball's biggest stage, the women's basketball team came up just a little bit short.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (26-4, 7-2 NESCAC) at Grantham, Penn., March 15				
Tufts	13	36	---	49
Messiah	21	34	---	55

at Grantham, Penn., March 14				
Tufts	25	23	---	48
Mary Washington	19	26	---	45

The Jumbos suffered a 55-49 loss to eventual national runner-up Messiah in the Div. III Elite Eight on March 15, ending the best season in school history at 26-4 and denying the team a berth to the Final Four. The loss came one night after Tufts earned the biggest win in program history, upsetting nationally-ranked No. 5 Mary Washington 48-45 in the Sweet Sixteen. But even that triumph couldn't lessen the Jumbos' frustration following a game against Messiah that was well within their reach.

"We came out of the weekend a little disappointed because we wanted to make it to the Final Four so badly, and it was right there in front of us," coach Carla Berube said. "I think the Messiah game was a game we could have won if we came out a little bit stronger in the

first half. But they're a very, very tough team, and I think we walked off the court saying we gave it everything we had."

With the Falcons' All-American guard Nikki Lobach on the bench with two early fouls, Tufts had an opportunity to seize control in the first half. But the Jumbos had trouble generating any scoring against a Messiah defense that had surrendered just 50.4 points per game heading into the contest. Tufts could only muster a season-low 13 points on 26.3 percent shooting in the first half and dug itself an eight-point deficit heading into halftime.

"I think in the first half, for whatever reason, we played flustered, and we allowed them to take us out of our offense," junior guard Kim Moynihan said. "For some reason, it took us a while to get into the flow of things. I think we were all excited about it being the Elite Eight, and we almost tried to do too much."

After Messiah scored the first bucket of the second half, the Jumbos went on a 12-4 run — capped by back-to-back layups from junior forward Katie Tausanovitch — to inch within two. But Tufts would get no closer, as a balanced Falcons attack helped put the Jumbos away. Six different Messiah players contributed points during a 10:47 stretch in which the Falcons built an 11-point advantage with under five minutes remaining.

Messiah carried that lead into the 1:48 mark of the second half before Tufts began a furious comeback bid

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LAURA SCHULTZ/TUFTS DAILY

Freshman point guard Colleen Hart scored 14 points in the women's basketball team's 55-49 loss to Messiah in the Elite Eight. The Jumbos finished their best season ever at 26-4.



MEN'S LAX: TUF 7, WIL 4 - MID 3, CON 2 - TRI 7, BAT 5 - WIL 11, HAM 5 - AMH 10, HAM 7 - TRI 9, COL 7 - CON 7, WIL 7 - MID 12, BOW 11 (2OT) - WES 12, TUF 4 - BAT 9, AMH 4. **WOMEN'S LAX:** WIL 14, TUF 13 - MID 17, CON 4 - HAM 13, TRI 9 - MID 13, BOW 6 - TUF 9, WES 7 - AMH 8, BAT 4. **MEN'S TENNIS:** BAT 7, COL 2 - TUF 9, HAM 0. **WOMEN'S TENNIS:** TUF 7, HAM 2 - BAT 6, COL 3.