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New York Times Publisher Arthur Sulzberger inaugurated the Tufts Leadership forum with a speech yesterday in the Cabot Auditorium.

NYT publisher Sulzberger spoke yesterday about journalism's future

BY LISA GRANSHAW
Daily Editorial Board

"Trying to assess the true importance of the Internet now is like asking the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk if they were aware of the potential of American Airlines Advantage Miles," New York Times Publisher Arthur

Ochs Sulzberger, Jr. (A '74) told a crowded Cabot Auditorium yesterday.

Sulzberger is trying to steer his print-based industry through the digital age, and he shared some of his experiences and strategies in a speech that kicked off the First

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Democratic Rep. Tsongas wins seat in closer-than-expected race

BY JAMIE BOLOGNA
Daily Editorial Board

Democrat Niki Tsongas beat out Republican Jim Ogonowski yesterday in an election to fill the vacant congressional seat in Massachusetts' fifth district.

Tsongas, the widow of the late U.S. Senator Paul Tsongas, squeaked out an electoral win with 51 percent of the votes, even though an early Associated Press report showed that her opponent had a lead.

"Tsongas is in Congress," Maryanne Argento told the Daily at 9:50 last night from the Tsongas headquarters.

Ogonowski, a retired air force colonel whose brother John was a pilot on one of the doomed Sept. 11 flights, had good early returns, but his numbers slipped and he ended up with around 45 percent of the votes. The remaining four percent went to other candidates.

The fifth district seat was vacated in July when Rep. Marty Meehan (D-Mass.) left Congress to take over as the chancellor of UMass Lowell. With Tsongas' victory there, the Democrats still maintain complete control over the Bay State's congressional delegation.

The fifth district consists of 29 Massachusetts towns, including Lawrence, Andover and Lowell along the Merrimack River Valley and extends down into Groton, Harvard and Lancaster.

Polling there began yesterday at 7 a.m. and lasted until 8 p.m., but because it was a special election voter turnout was not

particularly high as of mid-afternoon.

"It is definitely less than during presidential elections," said Jeanne Reynolds, the warden for the eighth precinct in Methuen.

But according to Betty Small, a clerk for Methuen's 11th precinct, participation was still higher than in the primary last month.

She also said that she was expecting to be busier later in the day.

"The people between 30-35 you usually don't see until later, when the canes and the walkers are gone," she said.

The race received national media coverage after polls close to yesterday's election showed Ogonowski within nine points of Tsongas. The last time a Republican representative was elected to the seat was in 1972, so national pundits held out hope of a turnover.

Junior Dan Hartman, president of the Tufts Republicans, said Ogonowski's close polling in the days leading up to the election showed a discontent with the politics in Congress. "Massachusetts voters are tired with Congress now," said Hartman. "They see Jim as a common man."

Democrats were worried too, according to Political Science Professor Jeffrey Berry.

"They were a little anxious about it because Ogonowski proved to be a more capable candidate than they anticipated," he said.

The Tufts Democrats were also aware

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Researchers explore genetics of canine compulsive disorders

BY NINA FORD
Contributing Writer

Tufts researchers may soon have the answer to the age-old question of why dogs chase their tails.

Dr. Nicholas Dodman and Dr. Alice Moon-Fanelli, both of the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, have been collecting data and DNA samples for years, and are now on the verge of discovering the genetic key to compulsive disorders in dogs.

To do this, they will collaborate with researchers from other universities and employ single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) chip technology that was developed at Harvard and MIT's Broad Institute.

This technology makes DNA easier to analyze, because it lets researchers study multiple genes at the same time.

"It looks at the whole DNA sequence in that dog, and there's sort of a mini-map," said Dodman, the director of Cummings' animal behavior clinic.

They will then compare DNA sequences and look for areas where dogs affected by compulsive disorders differ

from those that aren't.

The Tufts researchers are primarily looking at flank sucking and blanket sucking in Doberman pinchers and compulsive tail chasing in bull terriers, but their work also extends to abnormal eating behavior in Siamese and Burmese cats and cribbing in horses.

According to Moon-Fanelli, a behavioral geneticist, isolating a gene linked to Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) in dogs will have "a major impact on veterinary medicine."

Specifically, it will help veterinarians devise ways to supplement defective proteins and administer possible "gene therapy," among other treatments.

It will also pave the way for a test that breeders can use to reduce "the frequency of those defective alleles in the breeding population," Moon-Fanelli said.

At the beginning of the project, Moon-Fanelli set up surveys and obtained samples through breed clubs and pet owners. They included ques-

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ALISON MEHLSAK/TUFTS DAILY

Chipotle will hold a fundraiser for the Tufts Community Union Senate on Thursday.

Chipotle set to open new store in Davis

BY BRUCE HAMILTON
Daily Editorial Board

Davis Square is about to get a bit spicier.

Chipotle Mexican Grill is opening a new restaurant in the square this week, and the new branch will be holding a pre-opening fundraiser for the Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate on Thursday. Its

regular opening will come the day after.

Chipotle spokesperson Katherine Smith said that for more than eight years the company has been doing fundraisers and promotional days to celebrate new stores' openings.

"What we like to do is a fundraiser; it's a nice thing to do for the community. It lets

them know that we want to be a part of the community, and we're serious about that," she said.

According to TCU President Neil DiBiase, Chipotle approached the Senate about a month ago inquiring about the possibility of holding an event.

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Is getting into med school just a numbers game? The Daily explores results of new Kaplan study.



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The Daily Arts section gets the royal treatment with a review of Blanchett's latest "Elizabeth" project.



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Despite declining circulation, print media is here to stay, says Sulzberger

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Annual Tufts Leadership Forum.

University President Lawrence Bacow introduced Sulzberger and noted that the goal of the forum is to encourage students "to take on an active role as engaged citizens."

Sulzberger, a 1974 alum who also serves as chairman of the New York Times Company, opened his speech by talking about college life in Boston during the Vietnam War era.

During this period, he said that Beantown was full of active students vying to be heard.

"We protested and fought for what we believed was right," Sulzberger said.

This free-thinking mindset he developed on the Hill served as a springboard for his future endeavors, and he said that such open-mindedness is necessary for emerging leaders.

Sulzberger said that the most challenging development has come with the digital age, explaining his point with a quote from Bran Ferren, a former Walt Disney Imagineering executive: "Society evolves like a species. It's not smooth and linear."

The Times has taken several measures to square its content with emerging markets. Its management, for example, is now examining its readership through a research and development department.

According to Sulzberger, 18 percent of full-time students read the print edition

of the Times while 14 percent read the online version. Though the consumption of news by students has decreased over the years, Sulzberger said that their diffusion of information has gone up as they converse more and share articles using the Internet.

The department has also determined that current students are more concerned about global issues than past generations.

Sulzberger said that students today are much more like their grandparents than their parents, noting that the Millennium Generation and the so-called Greatest Generation that faced World War II share a sense of optimism and innovation in eras of rapid change and development. As a result, young adults today want to be active in the news process.

"People want to be heard and involved in the news," he said, explaining that his company is trying to adapt to this need by increasing its presence on the Internet and giving readers more opportunities to interact with each other.

Specifically, he said that the Times has started 40 blogs, opened up articles for comments and started over 1,000 specially-themed Topics pages on subjects ranging from "Myanmar to Madonna."

For Sulzberger, innovation requires a multilateral approach, and one key component is a strong philosophical foundation. At the Times, he said that this foundation has given the management the strength to

publish sensitive news such as the Pentagon Papers and information about warrantless wiretapping.

Another requirement is keeping in mind that some fundamental principles will not change with time. People have always wanted information, for example, and the Internet only facilitates that exchange.

Experimenting with and incorporating outside help in the Times' coverage is also important for Sulzberger, who said that good leaders cannot be afraid to try new things.

"If you don't fail, you're not trying hard enough," he said.

Before accepting questions, he emphasized that while innovative thinking will help leaders in the future, they must also keep in mind that simple things like sharing and cooperation will also lead to success.

Sulzberger said that this basic principle is often ignored by companies.

"It's amazing how many are bad at it," he said.

In answering one audience member's inquiry in the question and answer session that followed his address, Sulzberger said that the media did not do a sufficient job of keeping an eye on the Bush Administration after Sept. 11.

While there have been improvements lately, he said that it has been difficult to cover the administration closely, because some information cannot be revealed for national security reasons. In deciding what

to publish, he said that journalists often have to rely on their own judgment.

When asked if he would encourage student journalists in the room to get involved in the news industry, Sulzberger said he absolutely would.

Despite the challenges posed by emerging online outlets, he said that print journalism will be around for the foreseeable future and that new technology has made his industry a more exciting one.

While this answer inspired optimism, Sulzberger did not leave Cabot before delivering a parting blow to the audience by saying that the New York Times did not plan on extending a job offer to comedian Stephen Colbert.

The popular host of "The Colbert Report" wrote a column for famed Times writer Maureen Dowd on Sunday. Responding to a question, Sulzberger said that although he enjoyed the submission, Colbert does not have a future at the Times.

"I'm not offering him a job," he said with a laugh.

Bacow spoke again at the end of Sulzberger's address — which was sponsored by the Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, as well as a number of other offices, institutes and schools — and said that he enjoyed his advice.

"One sign of a leader is [the skill of] looking over the horizon," Bacow told Sulzberger. "It was a treat to look over the news horizon with you."

Ogonowski had distanced himself from Bush on immigration, Iraq



COURTESY NIKI TSONGAS CAMPAIGN

Democrat Niki Tsongas secured a victory yesterday. She will take over for Rep. Marty Meehan (D-Mass.), who left office in July.

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of this concern. The group's president, senior Courtney Houston-Carter, said he received a personal phone call from Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) asking for election-day help for Tsongas.

"In the past 24 hours many of the college leaders have received calls from [Sen. Ted] Kennedy, Pelosi and Kerry," he said. "We understand the importance of this race."

As a result, Houston-Carter said an impromptu group of roughly a dozen Tufts students took cars and the commuter rail up to Lowell to help work the phones, canvass and get out the vote.

Hartman, a junior, said the competitiveness of the race bodes well for the GOP.

"I think that the fact that a

Republican can lose by six points in such a heavily Democrat district shows a trend against Congress and it shows extreme disappointment in the way Congress is being handled," he said.

Still, the result was not entirely uplifting.

"It's somewhat of a moral victory, but there's still disappointment," he said.

Like the Tufts Democrats, Hartman's group also made calls on behalf of its candidate, although none of its members were able to make it up to the district yesterday.

Still, he said that Ogonowski had plenty of support.

"People are coming from all over the state to help in this tight race," Hartman said before the election was called for Tsongas.

During the election cycle,

Tsongas ran on a platform of bringing troops home from Iraq, establishing universal health care and rolling back President Bush's tax cuts.

Meanwhile, Ogonowski distanced himself from Bush on immigration and Iraq and attacked a Congress that he said was not satisfactorily representing the public.

Still, he supported Bush's tax cuts and hoped to extend them past their current expiration date.

Sophomore Will Ehrenfeld, one of the members of the Tufts Democrats who traveled to Lowell, said he was happy with the outcome of the election.

"This is such an important race because it keeps Massachusetts [entirely] Democratic," he said. "Tsongas is for all the right things."

Tufts researchers hope to apply canine OCD findings to humans

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tions about the frequency, duration and age of onset of compulsive disorders. She also collected data on lineage to understand how compulsive disorders run through family lines in animals. Now the DNA screening process will begin.

When their research is completed, the researchers hope that it can have an impact on the study of aggression and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) in humans.

"If our wildest wishes came true, we would not only find the gene that caused OCD in animals, but we would also have the same gene in humans," Dodman said.



COURTESY TUFTS.EDU

Tufts researchers Nicholas Dodman and Alice Moon-Fanelli have been studying compulsive disorders in dogs.

Chipotle spices up Davis Square with new store opening, TCU fundraiser

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"One of their big things is community investment," he said. "We thought it was a great opportunity."

Sophomore Senator Scott Silverman, the chair of the body's student outreach committee, said the restaurant "wanted to work with Tufts to get their name out there and do something for the community."

Students attending the event will pay \$5 for a meal, and all of the funds will go to the Senate.

Silverman, who is coordinating the event, said the money will then go "right back to the student body" through a newly created fund to ben-

efit student outreach.

DiBiase hopes the fundraiser will draw between 200 and 300 people. "We're excited about them opening," he said. "More choice for our students is always better."

Silverman agreed. "A lot of students really enjoy the restaurant," he said.

To publicize the event, Silverman has created a Facebook.com group, and the Senate has placed fliers and posters around campus.

The new store will be located at 270-276 Elm St. in Davis Square. It will be part of a chain of more than 640 restaurants. There is currently a Chipotle in Medford, and one will open soon in Harvard Square.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If you don't fail, you're not trying hard enough."

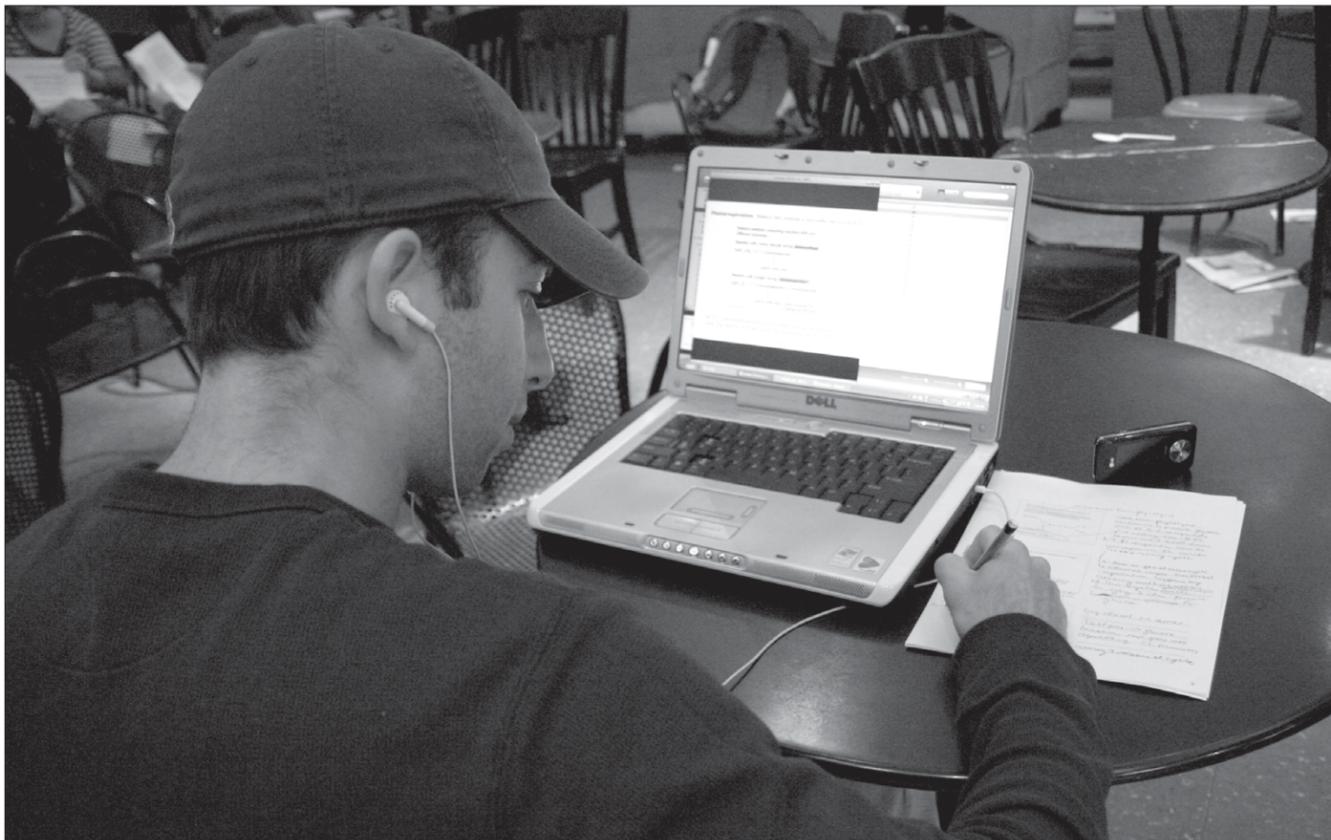
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New York Times publisher
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Features

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Wednesday, October 17, 2007

Kaplan study finds MCAT scores, grades are main determinants of med school admission



JO DUARA/TUFTS DAILY

Junior pre-med student Kenny Fifer reviews slides and listens to an academic podcast for his upcoming Biology 13 test. According to a new study by Kaplan, his work may pay off: The survey found that medical schools view MCAT scores and GPA as the most important factors for admission.

BY LYDIA MITTS
Contributing Writer

When people think of a future doctor, they often picture a brilliant young student who puts in extra hours at a clinic or saves lives as EMTs. But a recent study done by Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions suggests that hitting the books may be more useful than experience for getting accepted to medical school.

In a survey of admissions officers at 83 U.S. medical schools, 34 percent of admissions officers view MCAT scores as the most important factor in admissions, while 43 percent said they were second most

important component of an application. Similarly, 39 percent said an applicant's undergraduate GPA is the most important factor and 36 percent believed it was the second most important factor.

Matt Fidler, MCAT program manager for Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions, explained that this almost equal importance allotted to both MCAT scores and GPA gives medical school applicants an opportunity to really strengthen their applications, even towards the end of their undergraduate education.

"By the time you take the MCAT, your GPA is pretty set," Fidler said. "As [the MCAT is] a stand-alone entity, it can have

a tremendous impact if you prepare."

In contrast, only 14 percent of medical admissions officers surveyed believe hands-on experience is the most important factor in admission. For some pre-med students, such as freshman Neha Wadekar, the emphasis placed on GPA and MCAT scores, and not on field work, is disconcerting.

"It's intimidating because it means no matter how hard you work and what else you do, it ultimately comes down to your numbers. I think it's an incentive for people to just do their work and not extend them-

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Tufts debate team talks its way onto national scene

BY ROBIN CAROL
Daily Editorial Board

The Tufts Debate Society can argue against pretty much anything, except this: it is having an unprecedented amount of success this year.

Juniors Aram Boghosian and Rob Silverblatt beat a Princeton University debate team in the final round of a tournament at Brown University last weekend, securing the first Tufts victory in recent history.

The tournament fielded 57 two-person teams from about 15 schools. Each team competed in five initial rounds, and the eight teams with the best records advanced to the quarterfinals.

Silverblatt, who is the executive news editor for the Daily, and Boghosian defeated teams from Yale, Columbia, MIT, Amherst and the University of Chicago in the initial rounds. In the finals, they beat teams from Boston University, Dartmouth and Princeton to win the tournament with an 8-0 record.

According to Boghosian, who is the club's president, the win was a major step for Tufts' reputation on the national debate scene.

"It was extremely exciting and I think it will greatly increase the prominence of the Tufts team," he said. "It's by far the biggest victory that the Debate Society has had and it's by far one of the biggest tournaments of the year."

Like a phoenix rising from the ashes, the Tufts Debate Society has evolved over

the past few years from nonexistence to a moderately successful force on the national circuit.

"We had a team back in the 1990s, but it dissolved after people graduated. The current team was founded a few years ago, and we've been establishing our core of experienced debaters and started to do well again," Boghosian said.

Tufts senior Josh Wolf, the group's vice president, explained that the team's victory at the Brown tournament not only qualified the team for the national tournament, but also cemented Tufts' place as a competitive force in the college debate world.

"Aram and Rob had really taken a huge step up in their debating this year, showing how fast the team is growing," he said. "We've grown in so many ways and this has shown that we've started to succeed."

The win was something of a coming-out party for the group, but it was not a singular event. Over the past several years, the Debate Society has worked to establish itself as a legitimate entity in the college debate circuit. It hosted its first annual tournament at Tufts last November and plans to continue the budding tradition this fall.

"Pretty much every school on the circuit hosts a tournament, so hosting goes a long way to establishing name recognition," Silverblatt said. "Harvard, Yale and Brandeis are all well-known on the circuit, but Tufts had never been one of those teams. It's been our goal to increase our presence, and winning a tournament will

go a long way towards that."

Wolf credited the team's greater success this year to their recent hiring of a team coach, Matt Wansley. Wansley, who graduated from Yale last year and now attends law school at Harvard, is a two-time North American champion and "one of the best people on the circuit," according to Wolf. Last year, as a Yale senior, he and his partner won the Team of the Year award as the most successful twosome in the country.

"He's been especially useful with the novices," Wolf said. "We've been having training sessions at every meeting where Matt will be teaching strategies for different situations. Surprisingly enough, debate does have strategy to it."

The Tufts squad competes specifically in parliamentary debate, a style of debate that consists of two two-person teams — the government and the opposition. The government picks a topic and prepares arguments, while the opposition must argue against the case without any prior knowledge of the topic.

Generally, a team does not know whether it will be the government or the opposition until shortly before each round begins, so both teams must have subjects in mind in case they are on the government side.

According to Silverblatt, though, parliamentary debate is less about preparation than performance.

"It's about logic and rhetoric and who can persuade the judge more," Silverblatt

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DEVIN TOOHEY | BANGERS AND MASH



Requisition Me a Column

I'm an American, baby. I come from the land of drive-thru, pay-per-view and 20-minutes-or-less delivery. I'm all about instant gratification.

If only the Brits shared my sentiments.

In the past month, I have encountered a monster, the likes of which we have never seen in the States, and probably the true reason that Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and all those others put their names on the Declaration of Independence: British bureaucracy.

Take, for example, the ordeal I had in merely opening up a bank account. The second day I was in London, I went to a bank, filled out a rainforest of papers, submitted my passport, proof of address, DNA sample, etc., and left with ... uh ... the promise that I would have a bank account soon.

About two weeks later, I have mail! Is it a card? An account number? Of course not! I tear open the envelope to find that my account has been opened, and that I should come to the bank in a week or so to get my card. I begin to wonder if my memories of getting everything I needed the day I opened my Commerce Bank account were just delusions brought on by my diet of canned baked beans and Weetabix.

I show up a week later, and finally get my card. Woo-hoo! Wait, what? I can't make a PIN now — I have to wait for you to order the PIN and that should take another week to come to the bank (because sending it to my address would gravely endanger the fortune of a few hundred pounds I have)? Why didn't you order the PIN back when ... never mind. Can you order it now?

You know you've compromised your standards when someone doing something shortly after you ask seems as miraculous as a perpetual motion machine.

So, here I sit, wondering when my bank account will become more than a well of no-return for the weekly allowance checks Tufts gives me. I'm hoping the pin number will be the end of it, but I shiver thinking of what hoop I will have to jump through next to get something relatively simple.

Because this bank story is not the exception in England. It's the rule.

What do I mean? Here's a little rundown of how to enroll in classes at a London university:

First, you must go to the main building and formally enroll at the college. Apparently, sending your acceptance letter, moving into a dorm and paying the university thousands upon thousands of dollars may still leave some of the Brits skeptical about how committed you really are. I blame all the rebellions they had to deal with in their empire. It's left them paranoid.

After a grueling process of finding a letter showing that you are, in fact, accepted to enroll at the university (because, you know, having your name on a database couldn't possibly work), you are indeed enrolled.

Then you just have to wait in line to get a form to give to the people so they may take an ID photo, run around to various departments to talk to professors about classes you want to take (and to prove that you're qualified), e-mail those professors, sign up in the department, slay the fearsome five-headed acid-breathing dragon of Croatoan, use an overly complicated online system that makes me nostalgic for SIS, and finally ... you can wait to find out if you're in the classes you picked.

I could go on about how the process is similar for everything from a subway pass to a Tesco Club Card (yes, you read that right), but of course, there are more forms that must be filed instead.

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Increased competition leads medical schools to weight test scores heavily

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selves to get involved off campus, in the field," Wadekar said.

But according to Co-President of Tufts Pre-med Society Prakhar Agarwal, who also serves as the regional pre-med director for the American Medical Students Association, there may be more to medical school admission than the study suggests. He said he's seen more students take time off between graduating from college and starting medical school to gain real-world experience, and that some schools are beginning to notice.

"It's a tough question," he said. "I think a lot more medical schools now are looking at non-quantitative indicators ... other things are starting to creep in."

"The study might not be completely indicative of what's going on right now," he added.

Agarwal said it's hard to judge how much weight a school will put on test scores and

GPA as compared to other factors.

"Many schools are different from each other ... it varies from school to school, the importance of MCATs," he said.

Fidler stressed that GPA and MCAT scores can really make an application stand out, but agreed that different medical schools weight components of the application differently.

"[The application process] requires people to do a lot of research and be in communication with their target medical school to best understand which aspects are most important to that school," he said.

Because it found MCAT scores to be so important to medical school acceptance, Kaplan additionally asked admissions officers when they suggest taking the MCAT. According to the study, 39 percent of admissions officers recommended taking the test in April and 27 percent recommended taking them in January.

Agarwal said that, for standardized tests, sooner is always better.

"Obviously you should take your MCATs early," he said.

Regardless of when they choose to take the test, Fidler said students should start preparing for the MCAT four to nine months before their testing date. He recommended prep courses or practice tests like those provided by Kaplan.

"One thing that is highly recommended is attending a free practice test that Kaplan sponsors. It provides anyone interested in the MCAT the opportunity to take a sample test, to understand how the questions are structured, and receive personal feedback," Fidler said.

In addition to its findings about increased reliance on test scores, Kaplan's survey found that medical school admissions is growing increasingly more competitive. According to the survey, 60 percent of admissions officers reported that medical school admissions is more competitive than five years ago, and 24 percent thought that it was "much more competitive."

Fidler said that the increased interest in attending medical school, paired with the unchanging number of about 17,000 available spots, is partly responsible for the intense competition.

"Getting into medical school is much more competitive primarily because the seats available in medical school are not growing as fast as the demand to go to medical school," Fidler said.

Agarwal said he feels admissions programs should continue to "push for more qualitative indicators" in admissions to accommodate for the increasing competition. But in the meantime, he acknowledged that test scores and GPA are still important deciding factors for most schools.

"The MCATs are an important thing," he said. "If you're planning to do a career in medicine you have to take a bunch of standardized tests ... to make sure that you understand the basic information." Luke Burns contributed reporting to this article.

Collegiate debate requires confidence, creativity

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said. "It is more about who can be persuasive, and who can turn arguments in the right direction."

In the final round, a team from Princeton argued from the government side that college students should be allowed to room with members of the opposite sex. Tufts argued the opposing side.

The round was decided by a panel of 16 judges and a poll of the audience that counted for one vote. The Tufts team received 9 votes from the judges and took the audience vote by an overwhelming majority, winning the round with a final score of 10-7.

According to Wolf, the team's confidence and presentation during the round helped sway the opinions of the judges.

"It's not a battle of factual knowledge, but of logic and wit," he said. "One of the interesting things to see was when Aram and Rob won, they didn't just win because of having the better argument. They made a lot of jokes. When you have the whole crowd laughing and cheering you on, it makes a difference in the judge's minds. The fact that they were being witty helped a lot."

Other topics in the tournament covered a wide range of subjects, from journalism shield laws to political assassinations. One topic that Silverblatt and Boghosian found especially interesting was presented by the Dartmouth team, which argued that that sex offenders should be given the choice to be castrated instead of serving jail time.

"[Debate] promotes a lot of discourse and you learn a lot of stuff from it," Boghosian said. "Very interesting stuff comes up about political theory and constitutional law."

Because teams arguing opposition do not get to choose their position on a topic, the parliamentary debate style forces members to be creative in their arguments.

"You always have to be able to imagine two sides of every issue," Wolf said. "If you're on opposition, you have to improvise. You see the other side of any argument, even those that seem pretty absurd."

Silverblatt also felt that debate has altered the way he thinks about certain topics.

"It forces you to leave behind personal beliefs and think about issues more analytically," he said.

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'Elizabeth' offers golden acting, but little else

LAUREN GLUCK
Daily Staff Writer

The film and television industries devote a generous amount of airtime indulging themselves (and their view-

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Directed by **Shekhar Kapur**

ers) in the lives of British royalty. With the release of "Elizabeth: The Golden Age," director Shekhar Kapur's follow-up to 1998's "Elizabeth," viewers invariably ask, what is there left to learn?

While the plot of the film is better left to the history books, it is clear that, like its predecessor, "The Golden Age" is a character study of the titular queen and is well worth the price of admission. Cate Blanchett reprises her role as Queen Elizabeth I with a tour de force performance, compelling the audience to share in her doubt, anger and longing.

Nine years ago, "Elizabeth" left off with the monarch proclaiming herself the Virgin Queen, married only to England. Although this was meant to liberate her from the burden of being a female ruler, "The Golden Age" quickly notes that freedom is far from the queen's grasp.

Elizabeth notably restricts herself in the arena of love, illustrated by the appearance of explorer Sir Walter Raleigh (played by Clive Owen). While this subplot only serves to flaunt Owen's dashing machismo, it does allow the viewer to delve into Elizabeth's loneliness as a Virgin Queen — and as a queen in general. Prone to both temper tantrums and moments of reflective isolation, Blanchett commands the screen and encourages the viewer to understand, rather than pity, her character.

In addition to Elizabeth's struggles as a woman, she faces many limitations as a leader. As an unmarried ruler, she confronts pressures to produce an heir, which leads to many rounds of dinner dates with other reputable monarchs. As a Protestant, she meets immi-



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Funky headwear abounds in Cate Blanchett's newest Elizabethan endeavor.

nent threats from the Roman Catholic Church, Catholic Spain and the supporters of her Catholic cousin Mary, Queen of Scots (Samantha Morton).

Mary's scheme to overthrow Elizabeth

is the strongest section of the film, as it boasts the darkness and suspense that made the first movie so great.

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TV REVIEW

Viewers pray for amnesia after watching 'Samantha'

MIGUELINA NUÑEZ
Contributing Writer

Starting with its hugely successful program "Lost," the ABC network has profited exorbitantly from TV series involving flashbacks.

Samantha Who?



Starring **Christina Applegate, Barry Watson, Jean Smart, Tim Russ, Kevin Dunn**
Airs **Mondays at 9:30 p.m. on ABC**

"Samantha Who?" is this season's new addition to an ever-growing list of shows without any real timeline or order. In fact, the scenes in "Samantha Who?" are so disorganized that neither the audience nor the main character, a deranged Christina Applegate, knows what is really going on.

After waking up from an eight-day coma, Samantha (Applegate) is diagnosed with retrograde amnesia. She has no recollection of herself, her family or her friends. Consequently, the show's



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"You told Mom the babysitter's dead?!"

writers cleverly label the rest of the scenes and characters so that every aspect of the series feels like a memo for both the audience and protagonist.

Unfortunately, labeling doesn't really do much to help the audience keep track. Unlike "Lost," the flashbacks in "Samantha Who?" do more to confuse the audience than add any depth to the show's story.

As Sam begins to piece her life together, she discovers that before the coma, she was a pretty unpleasant and immoral person — and possibly an alcoholic. Although doctors tell Sam she won't be able to remember anything from her former life, her true self kicks in

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Shanghai Museum Safari Planet

When it comes to reviewing museums and galleries, I feel a little like Brian Fellow: I'm

just an enthusiastic young man with a sixth-grade education and a love for pretty objects.

But since my Chinese tutor said that the Shanghai Museum is the only worthwhile museum in the city, it seemed worth a visit.

I was skeptical; the first and largest exhibit I saw focused on ancient pottery. Yeah, I've seen a bowl before — no big deal. I was then reminded that the Chinese invented pottery and saw that the oldest artifacts were from several millennia B.C. Europeans were probably still struggling over the idea of fire while the Chinese were making intricately designed bowls adorned with complex drawings.

It was interesting to see the evolution of the ancient bowl into the delicate "china" style, but I was disappointed that the exhibit stopped at around the 17th century. Seeing the leap from the fancy styles of that era to the one-cent plastic bowls that the country is famous for today would have been quite intriguing.

Though everything was labeled in Chinese and English, I wished I had splurged and bought one of those audio headsets. I was walking by some random statues of horses and camels and the like when I found a large, elaborate statue of some sort of human/demon/god/animal in elaborate dress and a triumphant pose quite literally stomping on top of a screaming baby. The caption only said something like "guardian of the imperial tomb." Come on, China, you can do better than that.

An especially interesting exhibit was the "Chinese Minority Nationalities' Art Gallery." In case you didn't know, modern China encompasses many areas inhabited by Arab, Mongolian and Tibetan peoples, to name a few. On display were traditional sets of clothing along with a few tools and paintings. Since China is so immense and especially dense along the east coast, it's fascinating to see exhibits about the everyday lives of people in remote parts of the same country. To quote Mr. Fellow, that's crazy!

I became discouraged about my knowledge of art when my Chinese tutor tried to start a conversation about the differences between Chinese and Western paintings. All I could tell her was that Europeans didn't paint on scrolls. I guess she was at about my level, since her first observation was that Westerners don't exclusively paint mountains.

Then, after thinking long and hard about everything I know about art, I took a deep breath and explained that "this painting looks a little blurry; it reminds me of the Western style of impressionism, which is interesting because the painting is from the mid 19th-century, around the same time as impressionist artists like Monet."

I don't even know if any of that is right. Yeah, I got into Tufts.

The last exhibit I saw was about the evolution of the Chinese currency, which is a must-see for someone studying international finance. It was mostly just row after row of circular metal coins, but I was most interested in the attempts at a standardized currency that were made before the invention of the coin.

My personal favorites were the metal knives that were once used as currency. I can imagine how that might have gone wrong: You think, "Well, I could either pay this guy or keep my money so that I can kill him with it."

That's my attempt at "high culture" commentary. Stay tuned next week when my guests include a talking bird and a pot-bellied pig.

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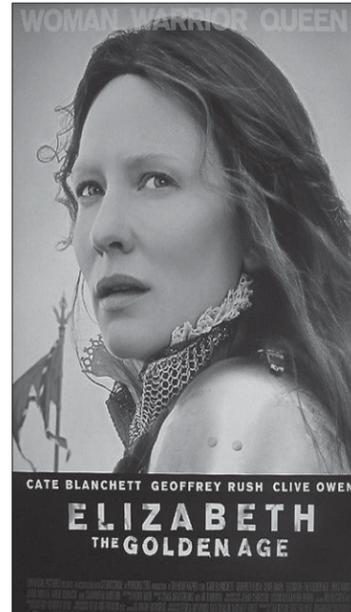
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EBay Redesigns To Reattract Buyers

EBay, now in its 12th year, is running into a problem that many mature consumer-goods makers have contended with before: how to get its already-large customer base to buy more frequently.

The company is in the midst of changing its site to attract more consumers—particularly past customers who haven't shopped there regularly. EBay has more than 241 million registered users.

It has tried to make its design simpler and its search results more precise, adding criteria like size and color, so that buyers don't have to scroll through so many items when they shop. To root out scams and low-quality merchandise, it has added more-detailed ratings for sellers. It restricts the selling privileges of lower-rated sellers or cuts them off entirely. EBay says 1% of sellers are responsible for 35% of the negative buying experiences on the site.

When eBay began making the changes last year, it was still growing, but its growth was slowing. In the second quarter of 2006, its revenue growth in its U.S. auction and marketplace business had slowed to 20% from 27% the previous year. The number of active users had risen to 78 million, a 20% increase over the previous year, but the rate of growth had slowed from the previous year's increase of 34%.

New Risks Cited In Housing Slump

U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson offered a sobering view of the pressure the housing market was having across the country, calling the decline "the most significant current risk to our economy."

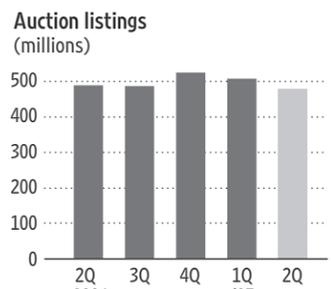
Mr. Paulson even acknowledged that problems in credit, mortgage and housing markets were much more severe than anticipated.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, meanwhile, signaled satisfaction that the central bank's recent actions have cushioned the economy from market turmoil, but he offered no clear signal on whether officials are inclined to cut rates again at their next policy meeting in two weeks.

The nation's biggest banks are inviting investors and other banks to join in forming a \$100 billion megafund that will buy, and thus shore up, troubled assets in credit markets. Many banks and lending

Slowing Down

eBay is trying to reinvigorate growth at its auction site.



Source: the company

institutions have been hurt in recent months by mounting losses on mortgage-backed securities tied to subprime mortgages. These are mortgages, often with adjustable rates, sold to borrowers with weaker credit histories. Such borrowers are frequently at risk of default when interest rates rise and make their house payments more expensive. That, in turn, weakens the value of the mortgage-backed securities investors hold.

Many investors said they welcomed the plan by Citigroup, J.P. Morgan Chase and Bank of America to set up the fund. They expressed hopes that the plan would help jump-start the commercial-paper market, which has suffered a slump since subprime problems emerged this summer.

Discount Airlines Increase Choices

One new start-up airline offers in-flight music videos, purple and pink mood lighting and flight attendants clad in chic all-black outfits. Another rolls up staircases to planes instead of covered jet-bridges, charges for water and puts its flight attendants in T-shirts advertising destinations.

Together, high-brow Virgin America and low-brow Skybus Airlines show how the low-cost airline industry is maturing in the U.S. Once, start-up airlines all tried to fly a similar path: just copy Southwest Airlines, with its short, frequent flights, open seating, simple pricing and friendly staff. But now being a Southwest clone isn't enough.

Like the retail industry, discount airlines are getting more specialized, trying to find niches that appeal to a certain type of customer, not to all customers. If Southwest is the Wal-Mart of the

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Offered \$120 Million To Leave Warner; A New Paradigm?

By ETHAN SMITH

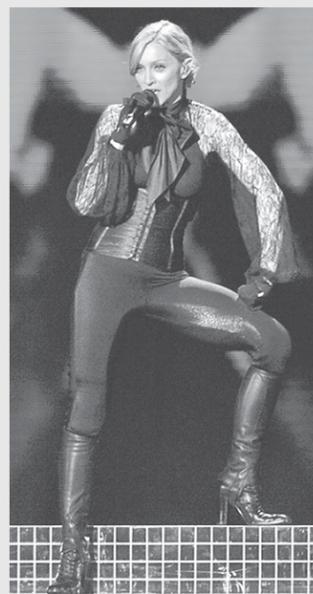
In the latest seismic shift to rock the music industry, pop superstar Madonna is close to leaving Warner Bros. Records for a \$120 million deal with concert-promotion giant Live Nation, according to people familiar with the deal. Madonna still has another studio album left to deliver with Warner Music.

The 10-year pact with Live Nation would give Madonna a rich mix of cash and stock in exchange for the rights to sell three studio albums, promote concert tours, sell merchandise and license her name.

The fact that a concert promoter like Live Nation is set to land the deal rather than a traditional record label like Warner Music is a sign of how quickly the landscape is shifting in the cratering music industry.

Traditionally, acts like Madonna would release their recordings through a major record label and then make separate deals for touring and merchandising with other companies. Now, however, a range of players in the music business—labels, concert promoters and even managers and ticketing companies—are eager to make broad deals that give them a larger piece of the pie by participating in revenue streams such as endorsement deals between artists and advertisers, as

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U.S. album sales, in millions of units

Album (released)	Units
Confessions on a Dance Floor (2005)	1.6
American Life (2003)	0.7
GHV2 (2001)	1.4
Music (2000)	2.9
Ray of Light (1998)	3.8
Something to Remember (1995)	2.1
Bedtime Stories (1994)	2.3
Erotica (1992)	1.9
Immaculate Collection (1990)*	5.6
Like a Virgin (1987)*	0.5

Concert ticket revenue, in millions

The Confessions Tour (2006)	\$195
The Re-Inventions Tour (2004)	\$155
The Drowned World Tour (2001)	\$45

*Does not include sales before 1991
Sources: Nielsen SoundScan; Pollstar Pro

well as the sales of concert tickets and merchandise.

Promoters typically book artists and venues for concerts, dividing the door take with the performers. Live Nation appears to be gambling that by bringing virtually all of Madonna's ventures under one roof, it can make money by cross-promoting albums, tours and merchandise.

The package includes a general advance of \$17.5 million and advance payments for three albums of \$50 million to \$60 million, according to people briefed on the deal.

Live Nation also is expected to

pay \$50 million in cash and stock for the right to promote her concert tours. If and when she does tour, though, the promoter will only get 10% of the gross, with 90% going to the artist; that is the standard split for music superstars in the concert industry these days. Income from licensing ventures such as the use of Madonna's name on fragrances or other products would be divided evenly with Live Nation.

On Wall Street, some questioned the landmark accord—and made some cutting comments in

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Law Forgives Some Student Debt

By ANNE-MARIE CHAKER

A new federal law has drawn a lot of attention for trying to make college more affordable. Less trumpeted were provisions of the law that forgive loans for those who pursue careers in public service.

The College Cost Reduction and Access Act creates an incentive for students to enter fields of public service by offering to forgive what could amount to tens of thousands of dollars of school debt per student. The law defines public service broadly, including jobs in public health, public education, working for a nonprofit and serving in law enforcement or as a public-interest lawyer. The Education Department says it expects to further clarify which

professions qualify.

If public service "was why you went to law school, then this law is going to make it possible," says Philip Schrag, a professor at Georgetown University. Students coming out of private law schools carry about \$100,000 in debt on average. Mr. Schrag says the legislation could provide more lawyers to serve more people, such as middle-income families who can't afford a lawyer but aren't poor enough to qualify for legal aid.

To qualify, your loans must come under the federal Direct Loan program. If you borrowed from banks and other commercial lenders for your federal student loans, you can still qualify for the program by consolidating them through the Direct Loan program. Your college financial-aid office

should have more information on the program. Or go to www.finaid.org/loans/publicservice.phtml.

Other professional groups also expect heightened interest in public service. "We have low salaries and a very high debt burden," says Rebecca Myers, special assistant to the executive director at the National Association of Social Workers. "We're really glad to see that there's some movement on this, and we believe it will help social workers."

Some caveats: Federal law treats the amount of any debt forgiven as taxable income. Also, if a borrower gets married, the couple's combined income is counted toward calculating monthly payments, and the borrower might not qualify for Income Based Repayment.

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skies, new competitors now try to be the dollar store or wholesale club undercutting Wal-Mart. Others want to outdo Wal-Mart by being higher quality, like Target or Kohl's. Bottom line: It's creating more choice for consumers.

Ticket Brokers Sent To Back of Line

A federal judge in Los Angeles ordered RMG Technologies to stop selling software that lets users flood the Ticketmaster Web site with requests and snap up tickets in bulk, beating those who log in manually to buy tickets to concerts and sporting events.

RMG sells software to ticket brokers or their suppliers, who resell the tickets at a higher price. Ticketmaster says the software has allowed ticket brokers "to cut to the front of the line and deprive customers of fair access to tickets."

Coke Grabs Coffee, Following PepsiCo

Italian premium coffee company Illy caffe is teaming with Coca-Cola on a ready-to-drink coffee beverage, taking on PepsiCo and its venture with Starbucks.

The product will be based on illyfreddo, a cold coffee drink sold in Illy shops. It will be introduced next year in Italy, Greece and Germany, before going global. The companies said the ready-to-drink coffee category is valued at just less than \$10 billion in annual sales, and has grown about 10% an-

nually over the past five years.

Starbucks and PepsiCo are expanding their ready-to-drink joint venture beyond North America to China. PepsiCo will share its distribution channels with Starbucks beverages.

Odds & Ends

E.W. Scripps plans to split into two parts, becoming the second media company in recent weeks to isolate fast-growing assets from the troubled newspaper sector. The move would create one company with Scripps' highly profitable cable-TV networks and shopping comparison Web sites, and another with its newspapers and local TV stations. Belo recently said it would separate its newspaper and TV assets, responding to investor complaints about its stock price. ... **Of the 118 countries** where McDonald's does business, none can boast more activity than Russia. On average, each Russian store serves about 850,000 diners annually—more than twice the traffic in McDonald's other markets.

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Madonna Enters Virgin Territory

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the process. "For \$120 million, she's all yours," wrote analyst Michael Savner of Banc of America Securities. "There is clearly headline risk associated with a Madonna defection" from Warner Music Group, Mr. Savner said. "However, the bigger risk would be to overpay for an artist that does not seem to be generating the revenue to support the contract being discussed."

The two prime reasons for Madonna not being able to sell CDs the way she used to are: her age (the contract would take effect when she is 50, meaning at its end she would be two years away from qualifying for Social Security benefits) and where she is in her career.

It's estimated Madonna would need to sell at least 15 million cop-

ies of each of her three releases for Live Nation to make back its investment on that part of the deal. Such an achievement is "unlikely at this stage of her career," said Doug Mitchelson of Deutsche Bank. An artist manager not involved in the deal said that with prices for CDs and downloads falling, Madonna might have to sell more than 15 million albums per release.

Warner Music would retain the rights to sell Madonna's catalog of albums dating back over 20 years, and her last studio album for the label will likely arrive next year. It isn't clear when her first album for Live Nation would be delivered, nor is it clear how the promoter would distribute and promote the album, since the company has limited infrastructure to do so. Under

the terms of the deal, ownership of Madonna's three Live Nation albums would revert to her after a period that couldn't be determined.

People briefed on the deal speculated that Live Nation would enter a licensing arrangement with one or more traditional labels to release her albums. A spokesman for Live Nation declined to comment. Madonna's manager, Guy Oseary, couldn't be reached.

Most major labels have struck at least a handful of "360 deals" with new bands, where they share in multiple revenue streams.

Going the other direction, Radiohead released its new album through its own Web site, circumventing for now any corporate partner.

Karen Talley contributed to this article

Into Iraq... and Out?

How the Past Informs Our Future

Has the U.S. become mired in a war without end?

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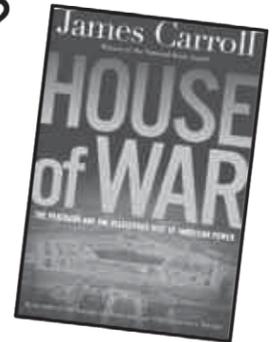
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Eyal Amit

Understanding the junior class as a whole is the second step in bringing upon change; more important, is understanding the students who compose it. It is the strength of this bond that will determine the magnitude of the effect a candidate can cause.

From long nights in the study rooms, to even longer nights at parties; from the Gantcher locker rooms, to the practice rooms in Aidekman - I understand.

Know your Senator.



Mario Saade

I enjoyed meeting so many of you in the past few days and listening to your concerns about the university's current situation. I now ask you to allow me to work with our senators and fellow juniors in tackling our latest problems with security, campus social life, dining options, among others. And those of you who are abroad – help us prepare for your return!

SOPHOMORES



Stanley Abraham

Most of our senate candidates last year ran on the presumption that change was unnecessary. Some promised to bring back a social life that had apparently left and needed their assistance to be reinstated. However, I promise real change on issues that really matter and I plan on informing the student body of the changes being enacted. I am running as the people's candidate, so please let me know what you would like to see!



Emily Gianetta

My name is Emily Gianetta, and I am a transfer to student to Tufts. I am running for the open seat on the Sophomore Senate because I want to be more actively involved on what is going on here at Tufts. I believe that I bring an interesting perspective and many new ideas to the Tufts community, as I have experience with how other school's cope with some of the same issues that we face.



Alexandra B. Roy

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EDITORIAL

Never has, does not, never will

On Oct. 6, The New York Times reported that President Bush reacted to a Congressional uproar over the disclosure of secret Justice Department legal opinions. These documents endorse the harsh interrogation of terrorism suspects by defending the methods and declaring that the "government does not torture people" (we outsource!). It is a sad testament to the sheer bald-faced dishonesty of this administration that the debate has shifted from "Do we torture?" to "Is it okay that we torture?"

The answer to the latter should be a resounding "no."

Over the course of this seemingly interminable presidential campaign, the Republican candidates in particular (with the notable exceptions of Senator John McCain and Congressman Ron Paul) have largely stuck to their guns (and, presumably, waterboards) when questioned on U.S. treatment of detainees.

During the May 16 Republican debate, Rudy Giuliani insisted that interrogators should be able to use "every method they can think of." Reps. Duncan Hunter and Tom Tancredo agreed, and Mitt Romney, not to be outdone, said, "Some people have said we ought to close Guantanamo. My view is, we ought

to double Guantanamo."

Nevertheless, President Bush claims that America does not practice torture (who needs practice? Our guys are professionals!), and instead has narrowly defined U.S. actions as "enhanced interrogation techniques."

During the 1998 hearings in Congress concerning Bill Clinton's sexual improprieties with Miss Lewinsky, conservatives (and most liberals) looked askance at the president's careful mincing of words; in particular, they were unimpressed by his reliance on elaborate definitions of words like "is" to technically acquit himself of wrongdoing.

The torture debate is Bush's "it depends on the meaning of the word 'is'" moment, except that this time the private parts under scrutiny belong to a suspected terrorist and are attached to a car battery in Gitmo.

Whether the president of the United States covered up a game of hide-the-salami with an intern is one thing; whether he authorized the use of internationally banned torture on enemy combatants is quite another.

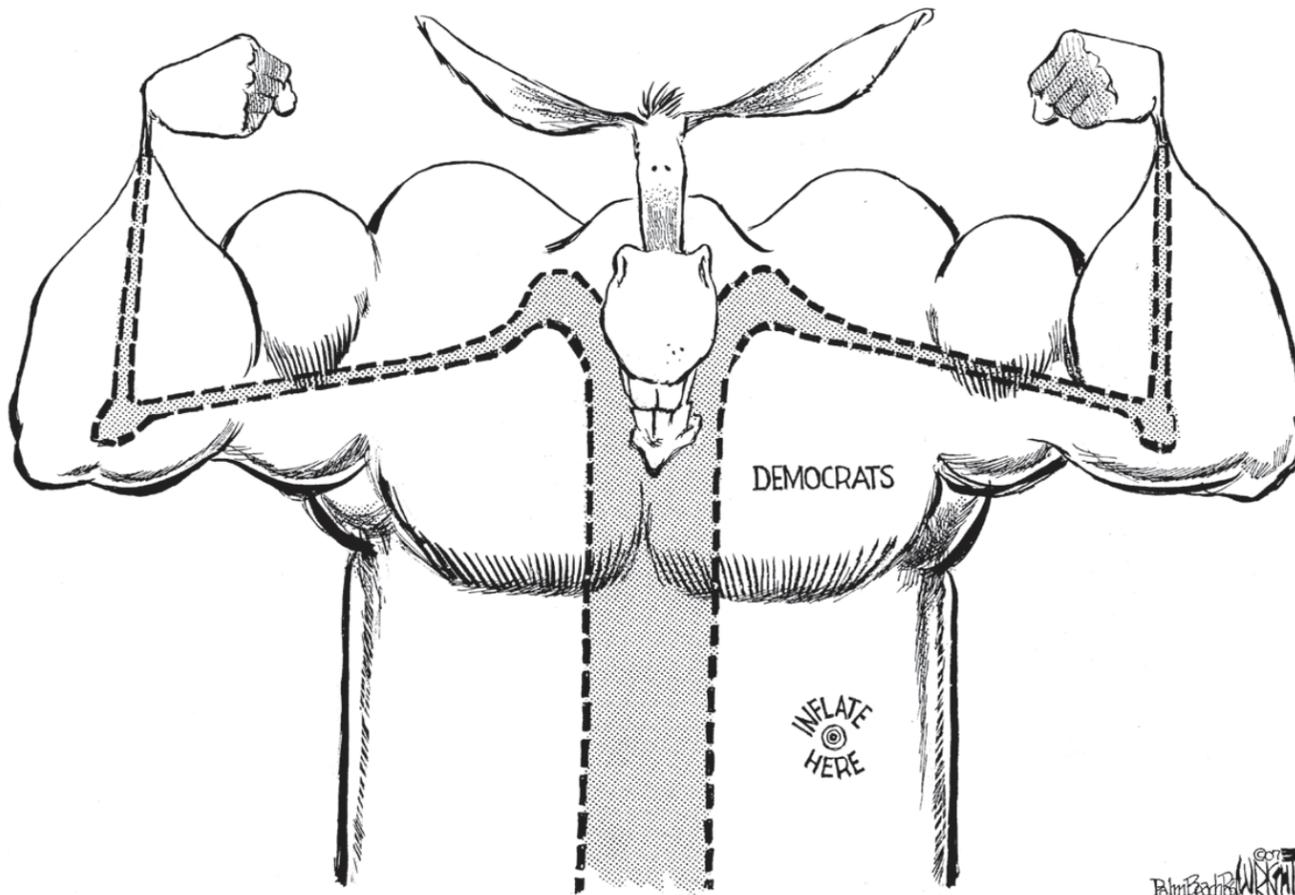
Although multitudes of experts on interrogation techniques have come forward to label the techniques tor-

ture (many of them bearing a striking resemblance to "harsh interrogation techniques" that the United States has objected to in the past), the president continues to insist that his administration does not condone torture, just like he insisted that Rumsfeld was here to stay, that there was no warrantless wiretapping program, that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction, that Scooter Libby had done nothing wrong, that the insurgency was in its last throes and that Brownie was doing a heckuva job.

This is not America. This nation has for years been a beacon of hope for the oppressed and the forgotten, and the ideals on which it was founded resonate across the globe. At the signing of the Geneva Conventions in 1949, the United States was one of the few nations that could truthfully stand up and say with a strong voice and a clear conscience that our country does not, never has and never will torture another human being.

Sadly, the days are now gone when that phrase included the words "never has." But American citizens and true patriots should be prepared to fight to defend "does not" and "never will."

DON WRIGHT



FEATURED WEB POSTS | LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

In his Oct. 9 op-ed entitled, "Spreading awareness, or attacking a religion?" Professor Gary Leupp finds a convenient target to vent his rage about the War in Iraq and the Bush administration in our Islamo-Fascism Awareness Week, a campus protest which will take place Oct. 22 to 26 on over 100 college campuses nationwide.

In doing so, Prof. Leupp recklessly slanders the thousands of students who will participate.

Contrary to Prof. Leupp's insinuations that "Islamofascism" is an invention of American conservatives, the term was coined by Muslims in Algeria who were attacked by religious fanatics who now call themselves the al-Qaeda Organization in the Islamic Maghreb. They slaughtered nearly 200,000 Muslims in the years 1990 to 2002. In fact, Islamofascists have killed more Muslims than any other group.

Ignoring these facts, Leupp claims

that Islamofascism Awareness Week is "a calculated effort to vilify Islam in general, place Muslim student associations on the defensive and generate support for further U.S. military action in the Islamic world."

Prof. Leupp appears unaware or unconcerned that it is Islamic fascists who have attacked us; he seems equally oblivious to the fact that the main victims of the jihadists' crusade have been Muslims who don't go along with their program.

In all our literature and materials for the Week, we are careful to make a distinction between the Islamofascists whose goal is the destruction of America and all "infidels" and the much larger number of peaceful, law-abiding Muslims who are unfairly tarnished by the same brush.

Islamofascism Awareness Week is an effort to give moderate Muslims support against the forces that have hijacked their religion. It is also an effort to defend women, gays, Christians, Jews and Hindus who are

under attack by the Islamic radicals and to raise student awareness about the nature of this threat.

Thus, a central theme of our protests is the silence of American feminists over the oppression of women in Islam and the absence of courses in women's studies departments about their plight.

Our literature for Islamofascism Awareness Week urges students to involve other student organizations, including Muslim ones, in the events for Islamofascism Awareness Week.

Yes, we want our military to defend us against the fanatical jihadists who blew up the World Trade Center and who have conducted more than 9,000 terrorist attacks since 9/11.

Apparently, Leupp does not.

I encourage Prof. Leupp to attend the Islamofascism Awareness Week activities at Tufts. He might learn something.

David Horowitz
David Horowitz Freedom Center

Op-Ed



MCT

I am Master Chief

BY DANIEL TOVROV

I want to open this piece with a bit of honesty. I feel that this will be more effective if I can first establish my background in the subject matter — or lack thereof, to use the cliché. Also, I don't want you to think I'm a dork.

I am not a "gamer." I had an Atari as a child; my brother kept the PlayStation 2 in his room. I think the first, and maybe last, video game I bought was "StarCraft" in sixth grade. I can't say that my young adult life was totally devoid of cartridges and joysticks, but I am, at most, a casual gamer.

I played a lot of "Minesweeper" and "Spider Solitaire." I definitely enjoyed playing N64 and, later, Xbox at friends' houses, and going to the giant arcade in Florida when I went to visit my grandmother, but video games have never been one of my main interests. "First-person shooter" and "RPG" were not part of my vocabulary.

Until my housemate bought a refurbished Xbox 360 and a copy of the new "Halo 3," released earlier this month.

I admit, I was excited for the game, having played a fair amount of the original

"Halo" in high school, so when I heard that Juan was spending his hard-earned cash on "Halo 3," I was almost as anxious to get it as he was.

I think it's been a week and a half since it arrived. The Xbox hasn't been turned off for eight days. (This isn't entirely because we've been playing nonstop; some of it is because the hard drive broke, and we can't save). The system only came with one controller, but after playing for an hour and passing the controller back and forth after each death, I drove to the Meadow Glen Mall and bought my own — for \$50.

I don't know what I'm going to do with it after graduation, but I'm thinking of asking Juan's parents if I can move in with them for a little while.

Because I love "Halo 3," I'm not ashamed. I'm not going to sit in the living room and play by myself for hours on our 55-inch, high-definition TV — I haven't brought myself to that level yet.

But if I'm in my room on the third floor, hear the sound of the front door opening, and feel the vibrations of footsteps walking across the soggy, beer-soaked carpet in the front hallway, I stop what I'm doing

and greet my roommate before he can enter the room. And then we're sniping aliens.

When I close my eyes, I see "Halo." I see Covenant Grunts running in circles around my flak grenade. I see Spartan armor, vibrant purple and green jungles and impossibly blue balls of energy coming right at me. Warning sirens tell me my shields are down when I'm reading or watching TV.

When I take a shower and go to soap my leg, my thigh turns into the curved butt of a Brute Shot. I look at my hands, and I'm duel-wielding assault rifles. I have to blast jazz while doing work to mute the sound of dying aliens. I read in bed so my heart rate slows down enough to fall asleep. It's almost too much. Almost.

On Wednesday, my housemate Greg told me he had had a dream about "Halo." I did, too.

Luckily, Halo hasn't interfered with my work too much. So far, we've all been good about stopping ourselves if we have studying to do. Except when one of my papers got written a little later than it should have and when Greg missed the Career Fair, but

there weren't any jobs he was interested in anyway.

Oh, and I wanted to write this piece four days ago.

But really, the only side effect has been the lack of sleep. This semester, I have a 9:30 a.m. class every day, and I'm still playing Halo a little later than I should be. But I used to find ways to stay up too late before Xbox 360 — they were just less fun.

I'm not sure if this piece is supposed to be a review, a confession or whatever. I guess I just wanted to let people know.

Take it as you will. Maybe it's just supposed to serve as an explanation. If I'm not around when you need me, or if someone you know is spending a little too much time with a wireless controller in his or her hand, don't blame them — or me. "Halo" is hard to beat.

The first step of overcoming an addiction is admitting you have a problem. The second step is beating the game in Legendary Mode.

Daniel Tovrov is a senior majoring in English.

OFF THE HILL | UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

Facebook activism isn't meaningful

BY SEAN BRESLIN
Montana Kaimin

To all who keep sending me Facebook.com messages inviting me to this or that rally, or asking me to pledge my support to Candidate A or Candidate B: Please stop.

My inbox is flooded with requests for my vote, my presence, my uninhibited outrage. Sometimes it seems as though all questions present only three possible answers: attending, maybe attending or not attending.

It's not just an annoyance; it's

a little demeaning to my intelligence as a voter and a politically active citizen. No matter how noble your intentions, or how qualified your candidate, I'm never going to base my political leanings or ballot-box decisions on who has the most supporters on Facebook.

To be fair, I admire activists' innovations in today's online era. Using Facebook to rally support is a smart way to complement posters or tables in the University Center. But too often activists rely on Facebook or other networking websites rather than face-to-face interaction,

which is essential in truly winning support.

People become activists because they believe in a cause, or sympathize with someone's plight, or have faith in a person running for office. There's something in their being that makes them feel compassion, or indignation, or hope. In short, it's the humanity behind the megaphone.

But those emotions are diluted to the point of irrelevance when you solicit support on a website that notifies you of who broke up recently or allows you to bite someone and turn them into a zombie. Whatever hap-

pened to good, old-fashioned brain-eating?

For me, this all reached a point of absurdity when I discovered Hillary Clinton's Facebook page. Her profile offers voters nothing new, and provides limited (if any) interaction between the candidate and Facebookers. The validity of the woman's laugh has been questioned, so using a college-focused website to attract support seems almost as disingenuous as "I did not have sexual relations with that woman" did nine years ago.

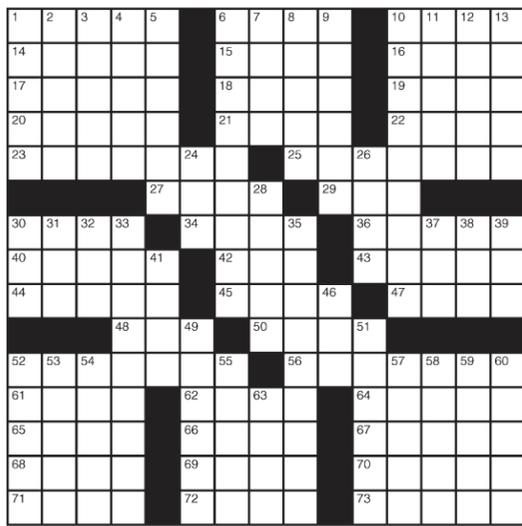
The trend doesn't stop with political activism. Following

last spring's shooting at Virginia Tech, countless Facebook groups popped up almost instantly, expressing sympathy and solidarity with students in Blacksburg, Va. The creators and members of those groups (myself included) certainly meant well when they clicked the "confirm" button, but now I wonder: Is this what passes for compassion now?

Facebook isn't going away, and neither are the messages in our inboxes. If all we're willing to devote to a cause is an electronic signature on a superficial petition, what's the point?

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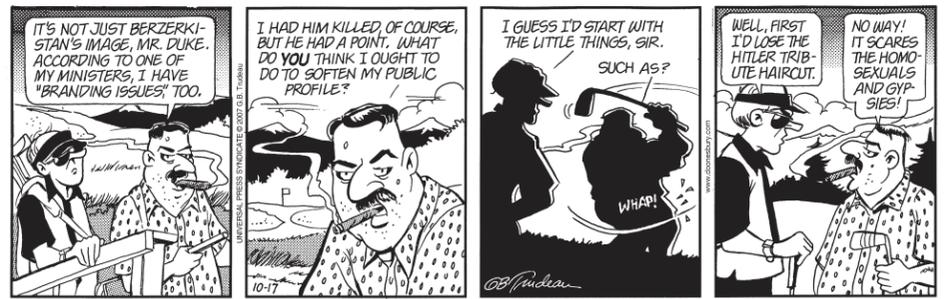
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"Yeah, so did I tell you guys I've been working on a robot? I have, I got motors and everything. And they're going to put it on Battlebots."
 "Cool! Hey... uh, I thought they, um... I think they cancelled Battlebots a couple of years ago."
 "Wh... Uh... no. No they *didn't*, dude, because then, *how would my robot be on it?*"

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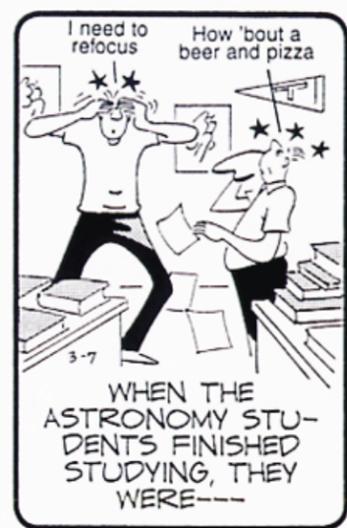
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans: "GHOST OF A CHANCE"

Yesterday's Jumbles: NOTCH HENNA CHARGE BISHOP
 Answer: When he entered the costume contest, he didn't have a "GHOST" OF A CHANCE

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LATE NIGHT AT THE DAILY

Ross at 1:55 a.m.: "Keeeeeelllllyyyyyy!!!"

Kelly: "Yeah?"

[Long pause]

Kelly: "That was it?"

Ross: "Yep. That was it."

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DAILY DIGITS

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Teams not named Williams that have beaten Trinity in football during the past six years. That would be the Jumbos, who secured a dramatic 16-10 victory Saturday. The win vaulted Tufts to 4-0, the only undefeated record left in the NESAC.

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MILLIONS of dollars between the payrolls of the Colorado Rockies, who will represent the National League in the World Series, and the AL contender Red Sox. The Rockies finished off their sweep of the Arizona Diamondbacks on Monday and await the winner of the Red Sox-Indians ALCS.

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Rank of the Tufts field hockey team in yesterday's national Div. III poll. The Jumbos broke into the rankings last week at the final No. 20 spot and moved up three slots with a solid 2-0 win over NESAC rival Trinity on Saturday. This season marks the first time the team has been ranked in at least a decade.

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Age difference, in years, between former Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim General Manager Bill Stoneman, who retired Tuesday, and his successor, Tony Reagins. Stoneman had been the club's GM since 1999 and helped the Angels win the World Series in 2002.

New game sites give NHL fans more to look forward to

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This year was not the first time that two teams opened their schedules abroad, and the games seemed to be popular with European fans. The question is, are the two games worth the expenses and travel? It appears as if both the Ducks and Kings are feeling a little bit of the effects from their trip. The Kings have opened their season with a 1-5-0 start and have lost all four of their games back in the States.

The defending Stanley Cup champs have not fared that much better, starting off 2-4-1. Time will only tell whether these two teams can regroup from their hectic early-season schedules.

The NHL is doing a fine job in trying to garner some more interest from fans with some new gimmicks. A second attention-grabbing idea has been the attempt to play games outdoors in the middle of winter.

In 2003, the **Calgary Flames** faced off

outdoors against the **Montreal Canadiens** in Edmonton. These winter matches are trying to recreate what many players and fans remember from their youths — playing pick-up hockey on the ponds of Canada and the northern United States.

Tickets to the Penguins versus **Buffalo Sabres** game on New Year's Day 2008 have already sold out. Seeing a spectacle like this on the frozen ponds in the dead of winter confirms that the NHL still does provide some great entertainment.

SCHEDULE Oct. 17 - Oct. 23							
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Cross Country							
Field Hockey	at Wesleyan 7 p.m.				at Williams 1 p.m.		vs. Endicott 4 p.m.
Football					at Williams 1 p.m.		
Women's Soccer	vs. Keene State 3:30 p.m.				at Williams 2 p.m.		
Men's Soccer					at Williams 12 p.m.		vs. N.E. College 7 p.m.
Men's Tennis							
Women's Tennis			New England Championships at Amherst	New England Championships at Amherst	New England Championships at Amherst		
Volleyball			Hall of Fame Tournament at Springfield	Hall of Fame Tournament at Springfield			
JumboCast							

STATISTICS | STANDINGS

Field Hockey (7-3, 4-2 NESAC)				Women's Soccer (9-2-0, 6-1-0 NESAC)				Men's Soccer (3-6-1, 2-4-1 NESAC)				Volleyball (11-11, 3-3 NESAC)				Football (4-0 NESAC)				N.E. Div. III Football (Oct. 15, 2007)										
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INSIDE THE NHL

Does Senators' fast start prelude repeat shot at Cup?

Special teams and goaltending have given 2006 runner-up Ottawa a boost in 2007

BY ADAM SILVERBERG
Contributing Writer

The NHL season is young, but there's already one team that stands out above the rest: the **Ottawa Senators**.

Although they have played only seven games, the Senators are doing it all, as they once again establish themselves as a force to be reckoned with.

Ottawa finished last season as the runner-up to the **Anaheim Ducks** for the Stanley Cup. In many instances this could have been devastating for the team's future, but the Senators are playing great hockey. Their 6-1-0 record and 12 points lead all teams, and they should only get better.

One of the main reasons why Ottawa has had such success during this young season is its penalty kill. The Senators are an astonishing 32-for-33 in killing off penalties this season for a 97 percent average, with veteran captain Daniel Alfredsson contributing a shorthanded goal.

Many thought that the goaltending would be an issue early in the season; however, backup goalie Martin Gerber has played well in relief of injured starter Ray Emery, with a 5-1 record and a 1.99 goals-against average. If Gerber can keep this up until Emery returns, then the Senators could have one of the best goalie tandems in all of hockey.

The Senators' management is also responsible for the team's hot start. After finishing fourth in the Eastern Conference last year and making it to the Finals, they proved to their fan base that they meant business, re-signing their leading goal-scorer, Dany Heatley, to a



Ottawa Senators goalie Ray Emery gives up a goal to Anaheim Ducks center Samuel Pahlsson in Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Finals May 30. The Senators have adjusted well to losing Emery to injury this season, bouncing back nicely with the support of backup goalie Martin Gerber.

monstrous offseason extension for six years and \$45 million. He has responded with six goals in the first seven games, emerging as the league's leading scorer.

With their offense and defense intact, as well as great play from their backup goalie, the Senators are well prepared to make another run at the Cup. And as statistics show — the past three Stanley Cup winners have gone a combined 23-2-1-4 in October — the better a team does in October, the better the chance they have at going deep into the post-

season.

As the Senators continue to establish themselves as one of the top teams in the NHL, the world has taken notice. After the success of the two-game series between the Ducks and the **Los Angeles Kings** earlier this year in London's O2 Arena, next season will feature the Senators facing off against Sidney Crosby's **Pittsburgh Penguins** in Prague to kick off the year.

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VOLLEYBALL

Feiger snags NESCAC Player of the Week nod

BY TIM JUDSON
Daily Editorial Board

Before last week, the volleyball team had captured just one NESCAC win, and it had come almost a month earlier against a Hamilton team with a current overall record of 7-14. Behind Feiger's play, the team emerged from the weekend with three straight wins against respectable opponents and to sit at 3-3 in the NESCAC and 11-11 overall.

Feiger added another 36 assists last night in the Jumbos' 3-0 win over Conn. College, which pushed them above .500 in league play at 4-3.

A major factor in the Jumbos' success was the praiseworthy play of sophomore setter Dena Feiger, who contributed significantly in each win and earned the league's Player of the Week

honors in the process.

"I feel really good about the week," Feiger said. "It was so exciting to be able to go out there and run the 5-1 and do well with it."

Feiger finished the three matches and 10 games with a staggering average of 12 assists per game, while also helping out on the defensive side with an average of 4.6 digs.

Tufts had lost five of six when the team traveled to Brandeis on Oct. 9, but left Waltham, Mass. with a 3-1 win on the shoulders of remarkable play from Feiger as well as a solid team effort. Feiger added 48 assists, 17 digs and three kills in the win over the now-19-6 Judges.

Tufts then entered a string of NESCAC play over the weekend in which Feiger was just as impressive. In the three-

game sweeps of Trinity and Wesleyan, she compiled a total of 72 assists, 29 digs and eight kills.

"I think my best game was against Wesleyan," Feiger said. "I had a lot of energy, and the whole team had a lot of energy ... Together, we played well, so it was a fun game to play."

Feiger is now the assists leader for Tufts, with 425 on the year. Her team has gotten back above .500 and is on its longest winning streak since winning five straight between Sept. 15 and 22.

When asked how she has progressed throughout the season, the sophomore said that a lot of her improved play in the past week has had to do with intensity and leadership.

"I think that I have stepped it up in trying to be loud and vocal and get the team pumped up," Feiger said.

Andy Henke wins Globe's Gold Helmet from N.E. Football Writers

Junior free safety Andy Henke picked up a key fumble in the football team's 16-10 win over the Trinity Bantams Saturday, and he grabbed something else for his efforts too: the Boston Globe's Gold Helmet Award for Divs. II and III.

In a matchup of undefeated NESCAC foes, the Bantams brought their NESCAC-best offense to Medford to take on the Jumbos. Trailing 10-9 after the first half of play, the Jumbos battled back to win 16-10, taking the lead in the third as Henke and the defense held Trinity scoreless in the final two quarters.

Henke's big play came with three minutes to go in the first half, and Trinity driving with a 10-2 lead. With the Bantams on the Tufts 26, Henke stripped senior running back Jordan Quinones and recovered the fumble, giving Tufts the ball and thwarting a Trinity drive that could have put the visitors up by two scores.

Without his partner, sophomore Tom Tassinari, in the backfield, Henke stepped up and led an impressive Jumbo defense. The junior finished with eight tackles along with the forced fumble and recovery. Tufts stopped the Trinity offense four times in the second half on fourth down attempts, forced a safety on a holding call in the end zone, and forced three Bantams turnovers. The Jumbos held the



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Bantams signal-caller, junior Eric McGrath, to just 180 yards passing after he had come into the contest averaging 294 per game.

The win for the Jumbos is perhaps the biggest in head coach Bill Samko's 14-year tenure, and gives his team its best start since 2001, when they also began the year 4-0. Tufts handed Trinity only its second loss in 42 games and beat the Bantams for the first time in six

years. The win gave Tufts sole possession of first place in the NESCAC, allowing the Jumbos to control their own destiny in their quest for a conference championship.

Henke will receive a plaque today at the weekly New England Football Writers' Luncheon at Harvard. He is the first Jumbo to earn the prestigious award since then-senior wide receiver Tim Mack did so in 2003.

The safety leads the Jumbos, who have the second-ranked scoring defense in the conference, with 32 total tackles on the season.

Tufts' early-season achievements are being recognized across the region, as the program jumped up seven spots from last week and is now ranked second in the New England Div. III poll. Curry College is in first place with a 7-0 record on the season, but the Jumbos were the only New England team to receive a vote in the D3football.com national poll.

With half of Tufts' games still left to play, including Saturday's contest in Williamstown against the reigning NESCAC champion Williams, there is still work to be done. Henke and the Jumbo defense will be counted on to slow down an Ephs attack led by the top quarterback and running back in the conference, senior Pat Lucey and junior Brian Morrissey.

—by Ethan Landy

EVANS CLINCHY | DIRTY WATER



Fear and loathing

On the night of Oct. 1, baseball's postseason was less than 48 hours from getting underway.

The AL playoff picture was set in stone, the Cubs were headed to Phoenix, and the Padres were in Colorado, vying for the final spot in the NL playoffs and the right to play Game 1 in Philadelphia.

I remember that night as the first night I began to take the Colorado Rockies seriously.

I remember beginning my evening at the Daily office, reading a couple articles, captioning a couple photos ... a typical Monday night. Eventually, the conversation in the room shifted to the NL playoffs, and I remember the words of a certain colleague, who shall remain nameless.

"You know who's scared of the Rockies?" he asked, rhetorically, as he adjusted his Phillies cap and arched his two trademark thumbs toward his chest. "This guy."

I struggled to keep from laughing out loud. The Rockies, with baseball's fifth-lowest payroll and a rotation featuring nobodies like Taylor Buchholz and Ubaldo Jimenez, were what now passed for "fearsome" in the National League? What in the name of Manny Corpas was going on here?

I already admitted two weeks ago that I was wrong. The Rockies are the story of the year, and at this point, it's hard not to admit it. Their 14-of-15 run to close the regular season was historic in its own right, and the team's rise from fourth place last year to a 90-win season in '07 shocked us all.

But really, I didn't realize quite how wrong I was. At this point, the Rockies are more than just fearsome, more than just shocking, more than just historic. Twenty-one wins in 22 games, 20 of them against winning teams, seven of them in the playoffs against the Phillies and Diamondbacks? This is downright surreal. This can't be happening.

While theoretically, I'm supposed to resent this Colorado team, a team that steals the spotlight from my Red Sox on a nightly basis, I still can't help but love this. As a fan, I stay awake at night worrying about a potential Sox-Rox World Series; as a sportswriter, I'm drawn to the National League champions.

What I love about these Rockies is that they're taking all the conventional wisdom out there about baseball and proving it wrong.

"Experience means everything," you say? The 25 Rockies have just one World Series ring, and it belongs to Byung-Hyun Kim, whose claim to fame is an epic chokefest in the 2001 Series. His postseason ERA? Six thirty-five. Not exactly Christy Mathewson.

The stars of this team are Matt Holliday, 27, Brad Hawpe, 28, and Troy Tulowitzki, 23. Zero postseason appearances for the three of them combined, until this October. That didn't stop Holliday from slugging three homers in seven games, Hawpe from hitting .350, or Tulowitzki from making a beautiful play to clinch the NL pennant Monday night. These guys don't care about anyone's expectations — they just win.

"Good pitching beats good hitting." That one's a classic. But this is a Colorado team with a 4.32 team ERA in 2007, eighth-best in the National League. They beat out the Padres, the best-pitching team in baseball this year, for the wild card, and roughed up Cy Young winner Brandon Webb in Game 1 of the NLCS. I love Jeff Francis and Josh Fogg as much as the next guy, but the Rockies have slugged their way here.

And as much as I hate to admit it, it's hard to imagine that the slugging will end here. This Rockies team is as close to unbeatable as I've ever seen.

So who's petrified by the Rockies? Absolutely horrified? Too intimidated for words, at least words that are publishable in a respectable newspaper?

Yep. This guy.

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SAILING

Tufts sailors cruise to fifth-place finish at Naval Academy

BY PHILIP DEAR
Daily Staff Writer

After a week of gearing up for the biggest regatta of the semester, an all-star roster of Tufts sailors traveled to the U.S. Naval Academy for a battle royale between the nation's finest sailing teams.

In the end, strong performances from all of Tufts' four boats placed the team in the fifth overall position out of a field of 20 teams from all over the East Coast and from as far away as the University of Florida and the University of Michigan.

"The atmosphere was really intense," sophomore Tomas Hornos said. "All of the traveling schools were from out of district. We all had a lot at stake — this regatta is always the culmination of the fall semester."

Part of the esteem of the U.S. Navy regattas, which are held once in the fall and once in the spring, is their exclusive nature. They are by invitation only, with spots reserved only for the season's most consistent winners.

"This is the most prestigious regatta," Hornos said. "There's a lot of history and honor involved with even making it here. Every school makes it a top priority to make it in the regatta. It's not like normal, where we're all friends. The sailors here are on a mission to win."

The Tufts squad was split up into four boats. Seniors Michael Easton and Katie Greenlee were in the A division boat, a 420. The Flying Junior, the boat sailed in the B division, was manned by two seniors, captain Kaity Storck and Lyndsey Gibbons-Neff. The C and D divisions were raced single-handed, with sophomore Andrew Criezis in a Laser Full Rig and Hornos in a Laser Radial, which has the hull of a regular Laser but a smaller sail size.

Hornos fared the best of all the Tufts boats, coming in second place in his division, which he attributed to his sailing Laser regattas for the past two



COURTESY KEN LEGLER

Sophomore Andrew Criezis was part of a contingent of sailors who raced this past weekend at the prestigious Navy Fall Sectional. His efforts helped the Jumbos finish fifth out of a field of 20 of the top teams in the nation at the invitation-only event.

weeks, giving him good practice in single-handed racing. The team itself beat out several top teams to come in fifth, and rivals Yale and St. Mary's (Md.) beat the Jumbos out for the first and second positions.

But this same success was not experienced by four other Tufts sailors this weekend. Senior Chrissa Rask, sophomores Peggy Taultz and Denise Feirstein, and freshman Margaret Rew attempted to travel to Yale early Saturday morning for the two-day Women's Fall Intersectional regatta.

They expected to encounter problems on the water and to be confronted with racing difficulties as the weekend progressed. What they did not expect was for their car to break down on I-95, 40 miles away from their destination.

After a considerable amount of time, the car was fixed and the Jumbos were back on the road. Finally, three races into the regatta, they arrived at Yale.

The tardiness gave the team three DNSs, or "Did Not Start," with a point value equal to coming in last place, plus one. Fortunately for the Jumbos, they were not deterred by their bad luck. According to Feirstein, it would have been an uphill battle to stage a heroic comeback, but the sailors still managed to make up some lost ground.

"The conditions weren't ideal, and it was hard getting used to the boats," Feirstein said. "By the second day, we really pulled together, and we won one of the races. Although the results might not show it, we're really pleased with the outcome, despite all of the trouble

we had getting started."

Tufts went on to finish 19th out of 22 teams.

Following suit at the Lane Trophy Regatta at Tufts' Upper Mystic Lake, the Jumbos placed sixth out of seven. It was the worst loss for Tufts at home so far this semester.

"We had a lot of great individual sailors out on the water," said senior Mika Green, who sailed with junior Dan Altreuter. "But no matter how good you are individually, team racing as a group adds a new challenge."

Team racing, the style of racing at the Lane Trophy regatta, differs from traditional fleet racing in that it is three boats from one team competing directly with three boats from another team. The winning team is the one with the lowest combined score in positions one through six. With team racing comes a new set of tactics and a new way of approaching the race.

"Each of our boats had a different way of approaching different scenarios on the race course," Green said. "We weren't in sync. But we hadn't had as much practice in team racing as some of the other teams had. We just lacked that essential team dynamic. Each boat had their off-race — we never really came together."

If only the rest of the Tufts team could have taken a page out of sophomore Nate Rosenberg's book, maybe they would've had some better finishes. Rosenberg spearheaded the Jumbos' attack at the Invite at MIT regatta this past weekend with only twenty points, the best score of all of the 28 boats on the water. His strong effort, combined with the other three Tufts boats, gave the team the first and second overall positions with 42 and 70 points, respectively. Third-place MIT came in close behind with 72.

"Everyone knows what they're doing," Green said. "It's just a question of whether we can get our ideas going in the same direction at the same time."

Volleyball boosts NESCAC record over .500 on Senior Day

The Jumbos are back on track.

After losing three in a row and five of six, the volleyball team has since gone on a four-game tear, compiling three of its four NESCAC wins and beating a solid non-league foe in Brandeis.

Last night at Cousens Gym, Tufts got over the .500 hump against the Connecticut College Camels with ease. The women

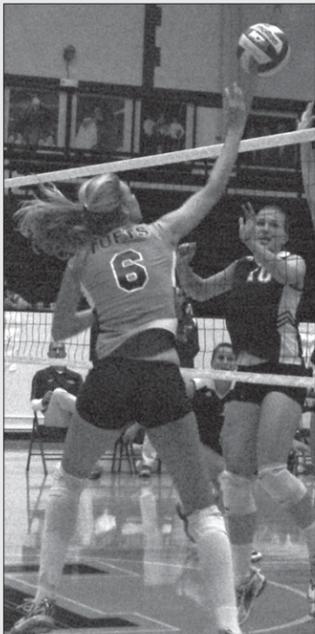
took the match in three games, making it their third straight sweep.

The Jumbos, who are now 5-0 in Tuesday games, did not come out of the gate playing their best against Connecticut College, who entered the game tied for second in the NESCAC with a 5-1 conference record. However, Tufts managed to pull out the first game by a margin of three points, and the team never looked back.

Behind dominant offensive performances by junior Kate Denniston and freshman Dawson Joyce-Mendive in particular, the Jumbos rolled to easy victories in the next two games by margins of 11 and 15, respectively, for a final match score of 30-27, 30-19, 30-15.

The victory makes a dozen for Tufts, as the Jumbos move to 12-11 on the season and 4-3 in the NESCAC. The three straight NESCAC wins have moved them into a tie for fifth in the division.

As the game was the last home match of the season for Tufts, the team celebrated its seniors with posters and a ceremony preceding the game. The Jumbos honored the careers and contributions of Stephanie Viola and captain Katie Wysham.



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Lach strikes again as Jumbos top Southern Maine

Heading into a critical NESCAC game with Williams this weekend, the Jumbos took care of business last night with a 1-0 win over the Southern Maine Huskies under the lights of Bello Field.

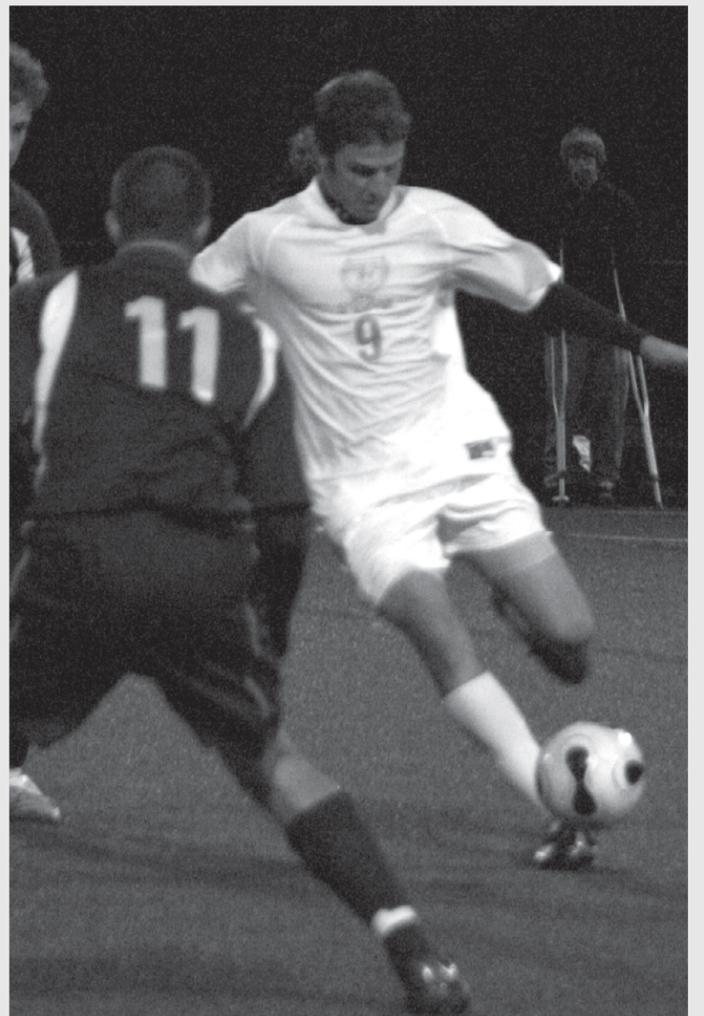
The team picked up its fourth win in its last six games, again behind the hot foot of freshman Alex Lach. The forward was the hero of Saturday's Trinity game with two goals in the 3-0 win and came up big again last night, scoring the team's only goal.

The game was tied 0-0 at half-time, but Lach changed things in a hurry in the second half. In the 63rd minute, the Tufts rookie took a cross from junior midfielder Peter DeGregorio on the left side and chipped it over the Huskies' goalkeeper, sophomore David Kreps.

Lach, who was on the JV roster when the team broke camp in early September, has now scored four goals in his last five games. His first career goal came Oct. 3 against Plymouth State.

On the defensive side, junior David McKeon recorded his second consecutive shutout in goal for the Jumbos; he and Kreps both recorded five saves. All four of Tufts' wins to date have been shutouts.

See tomorrow's Daily for further coverage.



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