

Tufts alumna to take Couric's spot

BY VICTORIA KABAK
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Daily Editorial Board

Meredith Vieira (LA '75) will replace Katie Couric when the latter leaves her position as co-anchor of "The Today Show," NBC Universal Television Group announced yesterday.

Vieira, who currently moderates ABC's "The View" and hosts "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" graduated from Tufts in 1975 with a B.A. in English.

Couric announced her intent to leave the show to become anchor and managing editor of "CBS Evening News" just one day before NBC named Vieira as her successor.

In September, Vieira will join Matt Lauer as co-anchor on "Today," the number-one rated news show in the country.

Vieira was chosen for the job over several other potential replacements for Couric, including Campbell Brown, who anchors the weekend edition of "Today"; NBC newswoman Natalie Morales; and Ann Curry, a current newsreader on "Today."

Vieira has worked for both ABC and CBS and has received seven Emmy awards throughout her career, which began in



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Tufts alumna Meredith Vieira, pictured here on Oct. 27, 2004, has been tapped to fill Katie Couric's spot on "The Today Show."

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Weaver's death a deep loss for the Tufts community

BY DANNY LUTZ
Daily Editorial Board

Physics Professor David Weaver passed away the evening of Tuesday, Apr. 4, shocking the Tufts community.

Weaver began teaching at Tufts in the late 1960s as a particle theorist, but he then moved on to the area of molecular biophysics. He also chaired the physics department for a decade.

"He was a good friend and a good colleague," said current Physics Department Chair

William Oliver. "[His] death was completely unexpected. He seemed to be perfectly fine on Monday."

The cause of Weaver's death remained undetermined at press time.

Weaver's death was particularly surprising in light of his strong recovery from previous health trouble: Weaver had experienced a mild stroke in 2004, but he recovered and continued teaching at Tufts.

He also broke his hip in a fall earlier this academic year.

"What hits me most is how he made such an incredible effort to make this comeback here," Physics Professor Leon Gunther said. "It stands out in his personality that he didn't let this situation push him down."

Weaver's comeback fell in



COURTESY TUFTS FACULTY GUIDE

Tufts physics professor David Weaver passed away Apr. 4.

line with his dedication to the University: After coming to Tufts in the late 1960s, he taught on the Hill up until his death.

"I've known him for a long time," Physics Professor Gary Goldstein said. "When I came to the department, David was already here."

Weaver was notable in that he changed his specialty while at Tufts.

"When we switch like that, we have to be students all over again," Gunther said. "That's a

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Five exposed to toxin at Cummings School

At approximately 3 p.m. on Apr. 5, an equipment malfunction in a contained Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine Laboratory caused the breakage of a tube containing a milligram of botulism toxin, exposing five school employees to the substance.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), botulism toxin can paralyze and kill if consumed in contaminated food, but is also safely used, in a purified form, as a medicine to control certain involuntary muscle contractions.

It is also commonly known for its cosmetic uses under the brand name "Botox."

According to school spokeswoman Barbara Donato, the employ-

ees, who were not identified, were taken immediately by ambulance to Worcester's UMass Memorial Center University Campus.

Officials did not comment on whether any one of them had fallen ill.

The veterinary school was studying the toxin's effects on food-borne and water-borne diseases under a contract with the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Soil-inhabiting bacteria produce the toxin, which degrades rapidly when exposed to air and sunlight.

According to the statement issued, there was at no time any release of the toxin to the environment or exposure to the public.

Former Greek finance minister tackles the future of the Balkans

BY CHRIS CHARRON
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Last night, former Greek Finance Minister and Minister of Defense Dr. Yannis Papantoniou spoke to a crowd of over 60 Tufts students about current instability in Southeastern Europe and the future of the Balkans.

The event, held in the Braker

Hall auditorium, was co-organized by the Economics Society and the European Club.

Papantoniou, appointed finance minister in 1993 and minister of defense in 2001, began his speech with a historical background on the Balkan countries, which emerged, along with other Eastern European

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The Fletcher School sponsored a symposium yesterday entitled Negotiating with Armed Groups: Sri Lanka and Beyond. In the photograph, from left to right, Fletcher School Professor of International Politics Eileen F. Babbitt, Fletcher Professor of International Negotiation and Diplomacy Adil Najam, Sri Lankan Ambassador Bernard Goonetilleke and Sri Lankan Parliament Member Gajendrakumar Gangaser Ponnambalam.

Fletcher hosts Sri Lankan dignitaries

BY MARC RAIFMAN
Daily Editorial Board

At a school that houses virtually no natives of Sri Lanka, a collection of approximately 100 students, professors and others gathered yesterday to hear a Sri Lankan diplomat, parliament member and a professor discuss the civil war that is currently plaguing the nation.

The diplomat was Sri Lankan Ambassador to the United States Bernard Goonetilleke, the parliamentarian was Sri Lankan Parliament Member Gajendrakumar Gangaser Ponnambalam, and the profes-

sor was Fletcher School Professor of International Politics Eileen F. Babbitt.

The panel took place in Cabot Auditorium yesterday just after 3 p.m., and it focused on the conflict between the militant Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), and the Sri Lankan government.

Sri Lanka has suffered an ongoing conflict since 1983 between the government, which is mostly composed of the majority Sinhalese ethnic group, and the LTTE, which claims to represent the minority Tamil ethnic group and aims to create an independent Tamil Eelam state in the island's north-

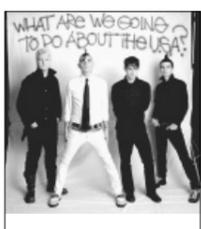
east region.

In 2002, the government and LTTE negotiated a ceasefire under Norwegian supervision, but that peace is becoming increasingly strained as attacks on the island have increased.

The panel was certainly balanced: As an ambassador, Goonetilleke represented a government point of view. Ponnambalam, in contrast, is a Tamil MP and the son of Gajen Ponnambalam, a prominent Tamil politician who was murdered six years ago in a controversy which has yet to be

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Fletcher expert on conflict resolution advocates third-party diplomacy

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solved.

Fletcher Professor of International Negotiation and Diplomacy Adil Najam moderated the panel and introduced each speaker.

He said that as a boy growing up in Southeast Asia, he had high hopes that Sri Lanka would be able to reach peace after other nations in the region had not.

"People like me grew up looking at Sri Lanka as the case that would buck the trend," Najam said. He continues to hope that peace can be reached in the region.

Najam then gave the floor to Goonetilleke, who introduced himself before reading directly from an address he had prepared for the occasion.

Goonetilleke began by discussing varying definitions of the word "terrorist," and commenting on how the Sri Lankan Government justifies the fact that it negotiates with a terrorist group.

"Often terrorist groups argue that resorting to such acts of terror is permissible in their quest for self-determination," he read. "Since the 9/11 terrorist attacks ... there appears to have developed an unwritten convention that governments must not negotiate with terror-

ists."

He explained that the Sri Lankan government went against this norm by signing the ceasefire with the LTTE in February, 2002.

This decision was the result of "the consistent belief of successive Sri Lankan governments that there was a need to address the real and legitimate grievances of the Tamil people," he read. In addition, the government realized that "resorting to military means was not a feasible option."

Goonetilleke also discussed the challenges facing the Sri Lankan government in negotiating with militant minority groups. These challenges include the danger that the militant group will use peace negotiations as a ploy while planning future violence and the potential lack of commitment to a permanent political compromise on the part of the militant group.

After Goonetilleke concluded, Ponnambalam began his speech, which was consistent with the perspective of the LTTE.

He focused on the past inability of the Sri Lankan government to transform its political structure to become more amenable to effective peace negotiations.

Ponnambalam believes that such a transformation should consist of power sharing within the government, and that it could only

happen under external military pressure.

"The only time the Sri Lankan state seriously took on ... the process of devolution — not even power sharing — was when ... there was a danger of India ... invading Sri Lanka," Ponnambalam said.

He concluded that the international community should show the Sri Lankan government that it needs to become more receptive to negotiations with the LTTE, a group whose 50-year struggle for self-determination "has the sanction of international law."

Babbit followed the Sri Lankan dignitaries, delivering a shorter speech. She began by explaining her relevance to the panel.

"I am not an expert on Sri Lanka," she said. "[But] I have done work in many other parts of the world that I believe have similar elements."

Such globally common elements, she explained, include the existence of protracted civil wars between majority and minority populations, the presence of factional groups on each side, and the belief held by each side that its adversary does not truly want to negotiate.

"Each of these groups feels victimized," she said. "Each side blames the other for not living up to its responsibilities because of past or current agreements."

Usually, according to Babbit, the majority seeks to maintain existing national boundaries, while the minority seeks self-determination.

The "presence of a third party ... is key," she said. Otherwise, there is "no sense that either can extend their hand to the other with a degree of optimism."

She thinks that Norway, which is currently facilitating negotiations between the LTTE and the Sri Lankan government, is potentially an effective facilitator because of its neutrality, sufficient resources, and credibility.

Babbit ended her talk by recommending that instead of debating who is right or wrong in the Sri Lankan conflict, those involved should examine "how the [negotiating] process going forward might be constructed."

An audience question and answer session followed the panel. Najam encouraged the audience to focus its questions on ways to "enlarge the ... probability ... of processes that can lead us toward resolution."

The event was sponsored by eight offices and student organizations including the Provost's Office and the Tufts Center for South Asian and Indian Ocean Studies.

"My congratulations to all the students who have done a tremendous amount of work in putting this together," Najam said.

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Department of Education proposes revamp of college ranking system

BY JOUNG PARK
The Daily Princetonian

The U.S. Department of Education recently proposed the creation of a new sort of college ranking, an interactive list that students could customize by choosing among characteristics they value in postsecondary institutions.

The database would present similar information to the popular U.S. News & World Report rankings — availability of aid dollars and average SAT scores, for example. Instead of tabulating rankings based on a generic formula, however, the proposed government database would give users the chance to select their own variables and rankings.

Charles Miller, head of the education secretary's Commission on the Future of Higher Education, which proposed the new rankings system, explained that creating such a database would not be difficult to accomplish.

"The data is already collected, but it's not well-organized or accessible. We just want to make it more user-friendly," Miller said in an interview.

The proposed ranking database would be based on the Department of Education's surveys of colleges and universities, which includes data on enrollment, institutional revenue and expenditures, tuition and other key indicators, as well as information on institutional performance, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education.

"There is nothing wrong with the other rankings, but there just aren't enough good rankings," Miller said. "We want to provide fully transparent information at little cost for the consumer."

Miller added that the current systems of ranking colleges "drive institutionalized behavior" by encouraging universities to devote more resources to improve the specific variables used by ranking firms.

Under a customized ranking database, colleges would not focus on improving specific variables since every user would look at different variables.

Princeton University spokeswoman Cass Cliatt '96 welcomed the commission's proposal for a new ranking system.

Vieira's peers describe her as 'very smart and hardworking ... a good reporter'

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radio. After graduating from Tufts, she worked as a news announcer on WORC in Worcester, Mass. and landed her first television gig at WJAR in Providence, Rhode Island, where she grew up.

She began working for CBS News in Chicago in 1982 and went on to become a correspondent for two prominent CBS newsmagazine shows, "60 Minutes" and "West 57th."

Vieira also co-edited "60 Minutes" from 1989 to 1991, contributed as a correspondent to the "CBS Evening News with Dan Rather" and anchored the "CBS Morning News."

"Not only is the 'Today' show a great program within a superb news organization, it's also where America turns to begin the day," Vieira said in yesterday's press release from NBC Universal Television Group. "I look forward to joining Matt [Lauer], Ann [Curry] and Al [Roker] in giving America the best each morning."

All of the NBC executives quoted in the press release expressed enthusiasm for Vieira and her new role. "This is an announcement that I couldn't be happier to be making," said Chief Executive Officer of NBC Universal Television Group Jeff Zucker.

"Meredith's vast experience as an award-winning journalist, as well as talk show host, make her the ideal candidate for this job."

"We're lucky to have her as the newest member of 'Today,' and I am thrilled to welcome her to the NBC family."

Former President of NBC Neal Shapiro (LA '81), who co-teaches an Ex College course called "News From the Inside Out," also responded positively to the announcement.

"She's incredibly talented, incredibly smart. She has a great range. She'll do very well," Shapiro told the Daily.

Co-anchor Lauer also looks forward to Vieira's arrival, according to the press release. "Meredith is a real pro, and I think it speaks volumes that NBC has brought her here to 'Today,'" he

said. "I have been her fan for years and I can't wait to be her partner."

"She has the perfect background and personality to make a real mark on this show and in morning news in general," Lauer said, according to the press release.

Roberta Oster Sachs, a lecturer in the University College who has spent significant time in the television business, was thrilled by the turn of events.

"It's a great day for women in television," she said. "For women at Tufts who are thinking of going into the business, I think Meredith is a great role model."

Oster Sachs said that she and Vieira were both at CBS at the same time, though they worked with different programs.

"My friends who worked with her loved her," Oster Sachs said. "They described her as very smart and hardworking: a good human being, a good reporter and a dedicated mom."

The choice of Vieira — who is over 50 — represents an important turn for an older generation of female journalists, Oster Sachs said.

In her view, male journalists who are more advanced in years are referred to as "experienced" or "seasoned," while women of the same age are referred to as "old."

"It's a great statement about how age is less important about making decisions with women," she said.

Oster Sachs was also pleased by the fact that Couric will be the first woman to anchor an evening network newscast on her own.

"She will be sitting in Walter Cronkite's chair!" Oster Sachs said excitedly.

The work Oster Sachs has done alongside Couric led to her development of a deep respect for the departing "Today" co-anchor, Oster Sachs said.

"Just because ['Today'] shows her chatting about fashion doesn't mean that she can't do some good journalism," Oster Sachs said.

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1998's Commencement speakers selected

University president Jean Mayer announced that Clifton R. Wharton, Jr., former head of Michigan State University — and the first African-American to hold that position — would be the 1988 Commencement speaker.

Wharton also served as the head of the State University of New York system, and was the current chair and chief executive officer of the nation's largest pension fund — Teachers Insurance Annuity Association-College Retirement Equities Fund. He was also appointed by U.S. President Gerald Ford to chair the Board for International Food and Agriculture Development and

was re-appointed by U.S. President Jimmy Carter.

At Commencement, he would receive an honorary doctor of laws degree, along with nine other honorary degree recipients, including quality children's television programming advocate Peggy Charren, Nobel Prize-winner in economics Paul Samuelson and former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board Paul Volker. Volker would also be the Commencement speaker for the Fletcher School.

Wharton, 61, and a Boston-bred economist, said he was familiar with Tufts — "a very well known, very respected university."

MARKETS

Yesterday's close

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WEATHER FORECAST

Today
Friday, April 7

PM Rain

Sunrise: 6:17 AM
Sunset: 7:17 PM

Partly cloudy in the morning... then cloudy with rain showers in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 50s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Sunday



Sunny
53/37

Wednesday



Sunny
59/47

Monday



Sunny
55/41

Thursday



Few Showers
57/47

Tuesday



Mostly Sunny
58/44

Friday



PM Rain
54/45

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“ [Danny Bonaduce] smoked an entire pack of Marlboro Red 100s in our living room while giving us advice on life and love. ”

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A close encounter of the Bonaduce kind

Apparently off the wagon, the former child star — whose VH1 reality TV show 'Breaking Bonaduce' centered on his struggles with sobriety — pays some Jumbos a visit

BY PATRICE TADDONIO
Daily Editorial Board

When Tufts senior Megan* headed to Boston on the last Saturday night of February to celebrate a friend's birthday, she didn't expect to run into a former member of the Partridge family. (Let alone one whose 2001 autobiography is entitled "Random Acts of Badness.")

But that's exactly what happened when Megan, along with a group of friends and housemates, hit the Harp's dance floor.

"Basically, I was dancing with this kid when Danny Bonaduce walked in the door," Megan recalls. "I didn't notice him until the kid I was dancing with said, 'Look, there's Danny Bonaduce!'"

"At that point," Megan laughs, "I said, 'See ya — I'm going to dance with Danny Bonaduce!'"

And so she did: "He and my friends and I just ended up hanging out," Megan says of Bonaduce, whose struggle with sobriety — and keeping his 15-year marriage on track — was chronicled in VH1's reality series "Breaking Bonaduce."

Bonaduce lives in Los Angeles, but was in Boston that weekend to receive the Harvard Lampoon's spoof version of the Hasty Pudding Man of the Year award.

According to the Lampoon's Web site, Bonaduce stripped down at the end of the

ceremony, saying, "Before I came up here, I asked this police officer if he would arrest me if I got naked. He said 'I guess I would have to.' That's why I waited until the end to do it."

Throughout his speech, Bonaduce also gave the audience tips on how to use your forehead to successfully break a man's nose: "The trick is, you do it while doing this [pretending to apologize]," he said.

Though Megan and Co.'s encounter with the former child star didn't end at the edge of the Harp's dance floor, it included no nudity or head-butting — just "chilling."

"He came back to our house at the end of the night and hung out for a few hours," Megan says of Bonaduce. "He smoked an entire pack of Marlboro Red 100s in our living room while giving us advice on life and love."

When asked whether Bonaduce was a nice guy, Megan's response is an emphatic yes.

"He really was — he was a lot of fun," she says. "And he was very respectful. He was a perfect gentleman."

But he was not, apparently, perfectly sober. Despite the fact that Bonaduce's reality show centered on his attempt to curb his alcohol addiction, several of Megan and her friends' pictures from that evening show Bonaduce with liquor in hand.

Megan and her friends — who have not kept in touch with Bonaduce — requested that the Daily not print those pictures for



COURTESY MEGAN*

This picture of Danny Bonaduce was taken late on Feb. 25 as he entered Megan's house, where he proceeded to smoke a full pack of Marlboro Red 100s and give her and her friends "advice on life and love."

privacy reasons.

"I think he was on the wagon for a little while, but when he was hanging out with us, he was drinking casually," Megan says, though she adds that "the pictures with the liquor bottle in his hand were a joke poking fun at the media buzz over his alcohol use."

When you click on the "related links" section of VH1's "Breaking Bonaduce" Web site, the sole link that comes up is one for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services.

*Due to the sensitive nature of the situation, only Megan's first name has been used.

CAMPUS COMMENT

Would you take a 'happiness' class?



Carolyn Chmielewski
Sophomore

“Probably, but I'd have to read the exact description first. If it would teach me to be happy, yeah, I'd take it. But now that I think about it, I guess I don't want a class to teach me to be happy.”

“I think it'd be very interesting if I was an undergraduate. My current focus is on classics, so I think the 'pleasure-seeking' nature of the Greeks would fit in well with happiness. I wouldn't just take it for the grade.”



Sara Keala Tateishi
Junior

“I wouldn't take it...probably because I definitely find happiness in other things and I wouldn't buy into the 'psychology' of it. And I think that there are other interesting classes to take at Tufts.”

“I wouldn't because I find my happiness in other things, like God. But maybe I would take it, though, because I'm so stressed from engineering! I can't say definitely yes or no.”



Calliopi Dourou
First-year graduate student



Dana Yoo
Junior

Debating 'the course on happiness'

BY COURTNEY CHUA
Daily Editorial Board

While some of the most popular courses at Tufts involve fields such as international relations, English, economics and biology, a new psychology course currently taught at Harvard University has the potential to change this trend.

Dubbed "the course on happiness" by CNN, that course, called "Positive Psychology," outlines not only the content of a self-help book, but also details the steps necessary to create "a fulfilling and flourishing life."

Harvard students responded well: The class boasted an enrollment of 855 students this semester. Perhaps what drew such large numbers is the fact that the course focuses on a newer area of psychology — one centered on what makes people feel happy, rather than sad, upset or angry. Despite how it may sound, the course, which saw similarly marked interest at the University of Pennsylvania, is more than just an "easy A" or a "fun" class students take as an alternative to rigorous academic courses.

Shane Lopez, an Associate Professor at the University of Kansas and co-author of a textbook on positive psychology, told CNN that Harvard's course lecturer, Tal D. Ben Shahar, is "the leader of the pack right now" on the subject.

According to Lopez, the course's emphasis on "What do I have going for me?" or "What have I done right today?" could have a great impact on students as they venture into the oftentimes cutthroat worlds of business and graduate school.

Tufts Assistant Psychology Professor Samuel Sommers said that part of the reason the positive psychology genre is catching on is the commonly held belief that psychology tends to focus more on the "negative" aspects of humanity.

"For example, when one studies memory, he learns about errors or forgetting. In social psychology, we study topics like aggression and prejudice — so some would argue that psychology, overall, puts too much of a negative slant on human tendencies," Sommers said. "Positive psychology is becoming very popular because some believe that studying trends in, say, positive moods would provide a more balanced take on human nature."

Although Tufts' own psychology department offers a wide range of courses in cognitive, developmental, and social psychology, a course on positive psychology

has not yet been implemented.

Tufts' academically rigorous and competitive nature, however, could make it a fitting environment for such a course — even if only to provide the same kind of relaxation and balance as a pottery-making or yoga class.

"Why is it so big at Harvard? I'm not sure, but psychology, especially social psychology, is important to place in the context of life as a whole," Sommers said. "I'm always in favor of interesting psychology courses, and even though we don't have a course in positive psychology *per se*, many of our courses discuss a lot of those same issues."

Freshman Allie Jameson, who recently took "Introduction to Psychology," believes that introducing such a class at Tufts would ultimately be beneficial for students.

"I would consider taking the course if it was available — not only because people need to 'learn' how to be happy, but rather to look at different perspectives on what really matters for a happy life in general," Jameson said.

But the thought of "learning how to be happy" in a classroom setting may not be appealing to everyone — nor could it necessarily help students achieve ultimate contentedness or fulfillment.

"I would hope that students would take what was said in the class with a grain of salt, so to speak, because although there are many ways others can help you find happiness, it seems more like something you have to discover for yourself," Jameson said.

Sophomore Ella Carney, who is a psychology major, also said that "learning" how to be happy is not enough to affect any serious changes. "But offering guidance and steps to take [toward happiness] are valuable for yourself and for everyone else," Carney said.

"Psychology itself is about identifying the problem and taking initiative to fix it. There's always room for improvement," she continued. "[The course] wouldn't be a quick fix to happiness, but I definitely think it's worth investigating. This class would be more like therapy for people who want to be happy."

Sophomore Minah Je said that she would take the course out of pure curiosity.

"If we had such a class at Tufts, I personally would take it. I want to know what it takes to 'achieve fulfillment' with life," Je said. "But I think it would really only affect some people. Happiness and being content are more objective than anything."

Turkey may have a hard time joining the EU

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countries, as a result of the end of the Cold War.

Most of these newly formed countries received heavy financial aid or investment from Western European countries, but such was not the case for Yugoslavia, Albania and other Balkan countries.

As a result, Papantoniou said, "Greece faced a huge influx of immigrants, but unlike the United States, Greece does not have a custom of absorbing [such a large number of people]."

Regardless, Papantoniou said that the Greeks chose to integrate these people into their economic, political and social systems, a strategy that he said has historically been successful in dealing with immigration influxes.

Before addressing the region's current instability, he described the challenges that arose from the end of the Cold War.

"New states had to be created, which is always a dangerous exercise, as it might create an even larger climate of instability," Papantoniou said.

While Greece and the United States opposed the dissolution of former Yugoslavia, strong support within the European Union (EU) eventually began the process of breaking the country apart into smaller states in the early 1990s.

The dissolution, Papantoniou said, will probably be complete later in 2006, when Kosovo and Montenegro hold elections to determine their independence.

He said that in order to become prosperous states, the Balkan countries must find a way to integrate themselves into NATO and the EU. Doing so, he added, would likely necessitate major economic and political reforms for the countries involved.



Former Finance and Defense Minister Yannis Papantoniou addresses Tufts community members yesterday.

Papantoniou said that criteria for entry into the EU are much more severe than those for entering NATO.

Unlike NATO, the EU requires an entering country to have not only a functional market economy but also to meet human rights and democratic requirements.

NATO has devised a plan to encourage countries to continue to improve their political and economic climates by creating a "half-way point."

Through this provision, countries may experience certain NATO benefits without becoming full members.

In the EU, however, "popular opinion is moving away from enlargement, because there is a fear of competition from low wage countries and having capital transferred to [poorer] countries," Papantoniou said.

"No one claims that the Balkan countries can't join the EU, but there is no great eagerness to accept them," he said.

Papantoniou then mentioned that Turkey, another country aspiring to become an EU member, faces two additional problems.

"Turkey ... is a country with 70 million citizens and a high birth

rate, which could radically alter the balance of political and economic power in the EU," Papantoniou said.

Papantoniou said that Turkey is the cause of another divergence in opinion between the EU and the United States, which is in favor of Turkish membership to the EU because of Turkey's geopolitical importance.

Papantoniou concluded his speech by discussing the future of both the Balkan nations and Turkey, emphasizing the importance of keeping the prospects of EU membership alive for all the countries involved, as it "forms a basic motivation to modernize their society and to progress into the modern world."

While he said that he finds it difficult to conceive a situation in which the EU will deny the Balkan states membership, Papantoniou said that he was pessimistic about Turkey's chances.

He warned that neglecting countries in that region of the world could be a very costly mistake, mentioning the genocide that occurred in the Balkans in the 1990s. He then advocated for the creation of a "halfway house" plan — similar to NATO's — to "house the countries there for as long as it takes for them to fulfill the criteria of entry into the EU."

Weaver helped to shape the physics department at Tufts

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Before coming to Tufts, Weaver worked as a post-doctoral fellow at the European Center for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Geneva, Switzerland from 1965 to 1966.

"When he first came here, it was really the growth period for particle physics," Goldstein said. "He certainly was one of the important members."

Weaver worked with numerous graduate students. This semester, he taught "Physics 52: Thermal Physics" to undergraduates.

"He was meticulous in preparing for courses," Gunther said. "Everything that he wrote down you could read very clearly."

"David was a person who was very easy to like and get along with, even-tempered, and always helpful to people," Goldstein said. "He certainly was closely connected to Tufts all those years and served on several committees, as we all do. He had a lot to do with the shape of the department."

Peter Malave, a sixth-year physics graduate student who had been working with Weaver, found his passing "awfully sudden."

The two would meet to discuss their work at Weaver's house. During that time, Weaver would share stories of his life.

"[He] played basketball [and] was really always active," Malave said.

He would tell us "we weren't only physics students, we were like his physics kids," Malave said. "[We] felt like he was our father."

Malave is unsure of how to continue their joint project.

"I wasn't far enough along in any of the problems to really take over," he said.

Based on his visits, Malave said that Weaver and his wife "were happy" and looking forward to his retirement from Tufts.

University President Lawrence Bacow wrote in an e-mail to the Daily that though he did not know Weaver personally, "I know his colleagues are deeply saddened by the loss of a valued colleague."

In his e-mail, Bacow also wrote that "a memorial service [at Tufts] is being planned."

Physics Professor Emeritus Alan Everett took over the last part of Weaver's thermal physics course directly following Weaver's spring 2004 stroke.

"[Everett] is going to come back from retirement and finish up the course again in the same way he did two years ago," Oliver said.

He added that "David was the only one in our biophysics department. That's going to be a problem."

Weaver is survived by his wife and three sons, the youngest of whom is a Tufts graduate.

— Marc Raifman contributed reporting to this article



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ALBUM REVIEW

Damn the Man, and skip the 'Empire'

BY MIKE ADAMS
Daily Staff Writer

In their breakthrough 2001 album, "Underground Network," Anti-Flag took a solid stance

against corporate media and put their ideas to catchy tunes, creating some of the most popular politically-charged music of the

For Blood & Empire
Anti-Flag
★★★★☆
RCA Records

last five years; their latest effort, "For Blood and Empire" is more of the same, but under a shiny, new corporate label.

Imagine the fans' surprise when the band signed to RCA Records in 2005, a subsidiary of Sony (one of the largest corporations in the world), in order to reach a larger audience for "For Blood and Empire." This is certainly a strategically sound move for a popular political punk band, but unfortunately, they will never escape their own obvious hypocrisy.

In the title track of 2001's

"Underground," there is a breakdown during which singer Justin Sane says, "Just take a look around the world and you're going to find that nearly all / Mass media are owned and controlled by a handful of conservative capitalists / We must devise and implement alternative methods of distributing our...ideas — people worldwide working together to / Make a stand, to / Tell the truth!" Right on!

When you buy future Anti-Flag albums under the RCA label, part

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Charlton Heston commissioned Anti-Flag to design a custom Christmas tree topper for this year's yuletide season.

THEATER REVIEW

You'll 'Folly' in love with this well-done romantic play

BY MELISSA LEE
Daily Staff Writer

Imagine a beautiful love story that takes place on a dock at night with a man and a woman, and — that's it. Yes, that's

Talley's Folly
★★★★★
Written by **Lanford Wilson**
At the Lyric Stage Company through April 22
Tickets \$20 to \$45



Man, World War II was a bummer!

right. This play really has only two actors playing two characters in one location in one scene.

However, don't be fooled by this apparent simplicity; Lanford Wilson's "Talley's Folly" is anything but mundane, and the Lyric Stage Company's production more than does it justice.

This Pulitzer Prize-winning play is part of Wilson's trilogy tracing the Talley family over a 32-year span. In February, Professor Don Weingust directed a production here in Balch Arena Theater of "Fifth of July," the last play of that trilogy. (Although Wilson wrote "Fifth of July" first, its setting in the 1970s places it last in the series chronologically.)

This play is a love story, but the char-

acter dynamics are also much deeper and more unconventional than a typical archetype. The entire show takes place on July 4, 1944 at an old boat house (a

"folly") on the Talley farm in Lebanon, Missouri, where no one has ever seen a Jew. All 97 minutes of the play are essentially the depiction of what has the potential to be a very awkward date; Sally Talley and Matt Friedman, a big, clumsy Jew from St. Louis, are in love, but they both keep a tight grip on their emotions.

Matt's purpose for visiting Sally is actually to tell her his powerful and emotional story, which he hopes will not prevent her from marrying him. In the course of the play, Sally and Matt discuss issues of the time, such as World War II. They struggle with and eventually expose their darkest, innermost secrets and, thus, ultimately deepen their relationship.

If you enjoyed "Fifth of July," then you might like "Talley's Folly" even better. This play retroactively picks up the storyline of Aunt Sally and her late husband during their courtship thirty years prior to "Fifth." "Talley's Folly" is simpler and easier to follow than "Fifth of July," yet the former has just as much substance and more grace.

At the very beginning of the play, Stephen Russell as Matt gradually beguiles the audience with playful banter that is both entertaining and engaging.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Aliens take over small-town America, yet again, in 'Slither'

BY YOLANDA FAIR
Daily Staff Writer

Aliens bent on taking over the world, a rural Southern town, careless people who try to investigate mysterious sounds and

Slither
★★★★☆
Starring **Nathan Fillion, Elizabeth Banks, Michael Rooker**
Directed by **James Gunn**

objects, zombies, a damsel in distress... Do any of these things sound familiar?

These are some of the basic characteristics of any normal comedic horror film, and the recent release "Slither" is no different. In a film where aliens are taking over small-town America, the only readily apparent difference between "Slither" and other films of this genre is that giant red slugs and a squid man replace more conventional monsters as new alien creatures to fear.

Directed by James Gunn, famed writer of films like 2004's "Dawn of the Dead" and 2002's "Scooby Doo", "Slither" is the story of alien-controlled humans bent on conquering the human race (which is not unlike the mission of the flesh-eating zombies Gunn introduced us to in "Dawn



And Elizabeth Banks thought "Psycho" made her afraid to go in her bathroom.

of the Dead"). The film centers on four major characters: Grant and Starla Grant (played by Michael Rooker and Elizabeth Banks), Bill Parady (Nathan Fillion) and Jack MacReady (Gregg Henry).

Grant ventures out one night after having a fight with his wife Starla, and promptly is possessed by aliens. As a

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MOVIE LISTINGS

Tufts Film Series

- ◆ *Munich* (R) 8:30 (Thurs.), 10:00 (Fri.)
- ◆ *Walk the Line* (PG-13) 7:00 (Fri.), 9:30 (Sat.)
- ◆ *Vertigo* (PG) 7:00 (Sat.), 2:30 (Sun.)

Somerville Theatre

- ◆ *Dave Chappelle's Block Party* (R) 12:45 (Sat. and Sun. only), 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
- ◆ *Transamerica* (R) 12:30 (Sat. and Sun. only) 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
- ◆ *Good Night, and Good Luck* (PG) 1:40 (Sat. and Sun. only), 3:40, 5:40, 7:40, 9:40
- ◆ *Brokeback Mountain* (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 (all times Sun. only)

Loews Harvard Square 5

- ◆ *Game 6* (R) 1:50, 7:30
- ◆ *The Libertine* (NR) 1:20, 7:20
- ◆ *Dave Chappelle's Block Party* (R) 1:40, 4:40, 7:00, 9:25
- ◆ *The World's Fastest Indian* (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00
- ◆ *Brokeback Mountain* (R) 4:10, 10:10
- ◆ *Transamerica* (R) 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:05
- ◆ *Rape of the Soul* (R) 4:30, 9:40

Loews Boston Common

- ◆ *The Benchwarmers* (PG-13) 10:50 a.m., 11:50 a.m., 1:00, 2:15, 3:15, 4:50, 5:45, 7:05, 8:15, 9:30, 10:35, 11:50
- ◆ *Lucky Number Slevin* (R) 11:05 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55, 12:20 a.m.
- ◆ *Phat Girlz* (PG-13) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:40
- ◆ *Take the Lead* (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 2:40, 5:35, 8:20, 11:00
- ◆ *ATL* (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 12:30, 1:50, 3:10, 4:25, 5:45, 7:35, 8:45, 10:15, 11:20
- ◆ *Basic Instinct 2* (R) 10:55 a.m., 1:40, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10
- ◆ *Ice Age: The Meltdown* (PG) 11:00 a.m., 12:00, 1:20, 2:20, 3:40, 4:40, 6:10, 7:15, 8:30, 9:40, 10:50, 12:00 a.m.
- ◆ *Slither* (R) 12:40, 4:05, 7:00, 9:35, 12:10 a.m.
- ◆ *Inside Man* (R) 12:15, 2:05, 3:25, 5:05, 6:25, 8:05, 9:20, 11:05, 12:15 a.m.
- ◆ *Stay Alive* (PG-13) 1:10, 3:50, 6:15, 8:45, 10:55
- ◆ *She's the Man* (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:50
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- ◆ *V for Vendetta* (R) 11:10 a.m., 2:10, 5:15, 8:25, 11:25
- ◆ *Failure to Launch* (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 2:30, 5:00, 7:25, 10:00
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Anti-Flag is not selling out; it's buying in!

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of that money will likely go to pay for the very bombs that the band gripes about. So what happened to the underground network?

To the band's credit, it seems as if it has retained a large amount of creative control over its work in "For Blood and Empire" despite its new label; there are many direct similarities between the new album and Anti-Flag's last, 2003's "The Terror State." The most obvious parallel is the presence of a CD jacket that doubles as a propaganda stencil, and where "The Terror State's" jacket once declared confidently that George W. was a "one-term president," the new stencil poses the question: "What are we going to do about the USA?"

"The Terror State" seemed to be the height of social awareness for the band, and it therefore included several articles by outside political commentators in the album's liner notes that expressed its political ideas more intelligently than the band could hope to accomplish on its own. "For Blood and Empire" sticks to this strategy by cramming so many articles into the CD jacket that it can hardly fit in the album's plastic case. In fact, it is often hard to tell when the lyrics end and the articles begin.

The main problem with "For Blood and Empire" is that the band is trying so hard to prove that it has not changed its attitude that the music is exceptionally unoriginal. The first few tracks, while catchy, seem like a sampling of favorite guitar riffs and melodies that Anti-Flag has been using for 10 years. While this "greatest hits" style will possibly draw a new audience, the new fans will be as

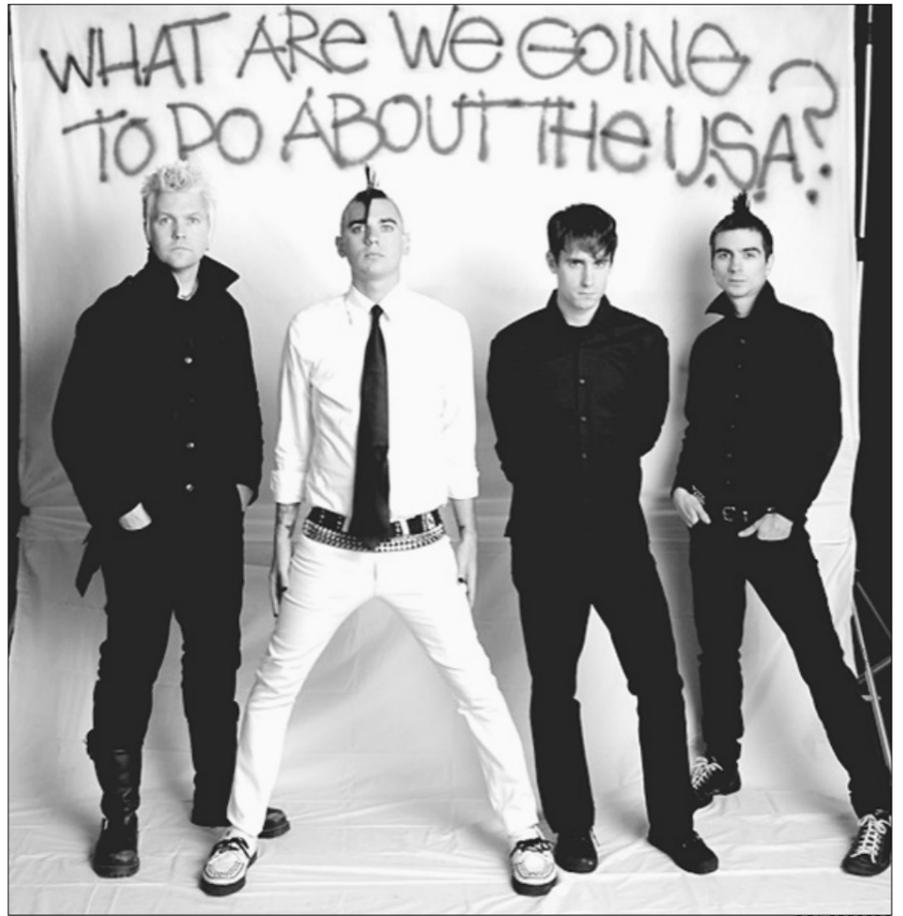
unimpressed with old Anti-Flag albums as old fans are with the new.

It was easy to tell the direction in which Anti-Flag was heading from certain songs in "The Terror State," such as "Power To the Peaceful," which sounds so catchy that it is almost danceable. Though that album still contains remnants of their old, more aggressive style of music, the new album expectedly moves further in the direction of accessibility.

"Hymn for the Dead," for example, is so slow and anthemic that it resembles a punk-rock power ballad, which some would consider a contradiction in terms. This song in particular demonstrates Anti-Flag's stance as a cheerleader for the more intelligent articles they included in the liner notes as Justin Sane shouts "Sound off!" and "Dissent!" But what exactly they want you to dissent from is wisely left to the professionals who scripted the writings in the first place.

In the pop-like "1 Trillion Dollar\$," the band tries to convey how much one trillion dollars is worth in relation to the U.S. defense budget; Justin Sane remarks that it "can buy a lot of bling." Unfortunately, most listeners will be too busy laughing at how funny that phrase sounds to hear Sane's message in one of the more profound songs on the album.

The loss of Anti-Flag to a major label is not quite as tragic as it might seem. For starters, the fact that Sony puts out an album that has a picture of the White House doubling as a graveyard on the cover is really cool — possibly even punk. Anti-Flag is a lot better than Good Charlotte or Sum 41 or whoever else is popular in the world of pop-punk today, so fans should welcome its impact on mainstream music.



RCA RECORDS

Anti-Flag redeems their mediocre new release with a hard-hitting game of 20 Questions.

Plus, the band has the possibility of a promising future ahead of them. Now that it has made the obligatory attempt to convince fans that it didn't sell out, Anti-Flag can move beyond this underwhelming release and return to the level

of creativity that it's capable of.

So, the next time you hear an Anti-Flag song on an episode of "The OC," remember that the band is still sticking it to The Man — even if it is now part of the corporate machine.

Stripped-down production lets the story take the spotlight

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Russell seems to be the more believable, less exaggerated actor, while Marianna Bassham, who plays Sally, appears to have frequent and extreme mood swings, giving her character a quick, stubborn temper that can be annoying.

The mind games that these two lovers play add excitement, but eventually they grow old and the audience just wants them to give in, tell the truth, and get engaged.

In particular, audiences may grow more bored with Matt than with Sally, especially with the former character's accent and

his constant voice imitations.

The entire show takes place on July 4, 1944 at an old boat house (a "folly") on the Talley farm in Lebanon, Missouri, where no one has ever seen a Jew.

While most of the blocking flows very well, some of Russell's actions — such as finding the hole in the boat or falling through the floor — are too

sudden and staged. At times, the emotions in this play are a little too strong.

On the other hand, the light and happy aspects of Wilson's play shine through in this production. The dialogue contains just the right amount of humor to sound natural and be entertaining. This play doesn't try to be a comedy or force humor.

The fairly simple but gorgeous set draws the reader right into the scene at hand. Screens surround the rear of the boathouse set to provide the outdoorsy background, and the lighting on these screens gradually changes over the course of the play to indicate varying degrees of sun-

set, a technique that is both highly effective and eye-catching.

Faint nature sounds in the background add to the realism. The set complements the actors nicely and sets the perfect mood.

The set, as well as every other aspect of the play, possesses the quality of seeming simple but actually containing layers of complexity.

Although "Talley's Folly" features only two actors interacting on a simple set, all of the elements work together to create a rich, intricate production that is so much more than just your average love story.



LYRIC STAGE COMPANY

Sally and Matt practice their pairs skating techniques, second only to trust falls in the team building arsenal.

Although the worms make you squirm, 'Slither' makes you yearn (for more)

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result, he turns into a giant squid that loves to eat raw meat and plans to take over the world. Bill, a local cop who is secretly in love with Starla, comes to her rescue after her husband goes on a killing rampage and slaughters all the animals in the rural community. After witnessing this rampage, the town's mayor, Jack, teams up with policeman Bill and others to find, capture and kill this "squid." As more and more members of the town succumb to alien control, Starla, Bill and Jack, along with a few supporting characters, must find a way to survive.

Like the spoof "Shaun of the Dead" (2004), "Slither" is meant to be both a comedic and horror film simultaneously. And although it is not really all that scary, "Slither" does its job when it comes to being humorous. For example, once Grant becomes an alien-man, the police officers and mayor responsible for his capture constantly refer to him as a "giant squid," even substituting an actual photo of Grant for a picture of a squid on the creature's wanted poster.

"Slither" pokes fun at the average horror film through the exploitation of genre conventions. The aliens-take-over-human-bodies premise has been covered in horror films from 1956's "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" to 1998's "The Faculty."

The small-town setting is also a genre staple, and although the "squid man" might

be one of the "Slither's" more original elements, the slimy slug creatures that actually penetrate the townspeople's brains are highly reminiscent of the title creature in 1958's "The Blob." "Slither" even has the token scary child, as a small child who has also fallen victim to the invading aliens takes on the role of freaky kid that many films like "Hide and Seek" (2005) and "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" (2003) utilize.

The acting in "Slither" is by far one of its best qualities. Elizabeth Banks, who has roles in "Catch Me If You Can" (2002) and the recent "40 Year Old Virgin" (2005), does an excellent job playing Starla. She portrays a smart and sneaky damsel in distress; although her husband is off trying to conquer the world, she is a strong-willed woman who wants to help stop him.

Nathan Fillion, formerly of TV's "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and "Firefly," 2005's "Serenity," and 2000's "Dracula 2000," expertly creates the wonderful character of Bill Parry, the comedic hero. However, the best comedic performance has to go to Gregg Henry as Mayor Jack; his crazy, rambling monologues about how weird everything is becoming in Wheezy echo what every viewer is thinking while they are watching the film.

Finally, Michael Rooker as Grant does a fantastic job of creating a creepy yet cunning villain. Through his hard facial expressions and earnest love for (and pursuit of) Starla, he is able to portray a truly terrifying alien.



UNIVERSAL PICTURES

Gregg Henry's lifetime subscription to Omaha Steaks has obviously gone horribly awry.

Although this film is meant to be funny, the special effects do not lack in quality, and Gunn sticks to his original plan of making a comedic horror film that is equally strong in both genres.

"Slither" is extremely disgusting with images like a man split in half and giant slugs who have an affinity for the human mouth, and its special effects are amazing. During the film, the viewer will amazingly

never feel like the alien slug he or she is watching crawl down the street is at all fake; the creatures in the film look so realistic that one can just feel the slime on the slugs.

And this might be the problem with "Slither." The effects are so convincing that audience members can't help but leave the theater with bad tastes in their mouths — and it's not just from the Raisinets.

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EDITORIAL

Big ups to Bacow

University President Lawrence Bacow is a great guy.

This is not something we hear a lot at Tufts. A university president is an obvious target for anybody with complaints about a school. And everybody, it seems, has complaints.

Overall, however, Tufts has thrived during Bacow's tenure. Admission at Tufts is increasingly selective. Student satisfaction and retention ratings are high. Tufts students enjoy great opportunities for research, study abroad and exposure to an international perspective. Former U.S. presidents speak here on a regular basis. And Tufts continues to grow and innovate. The Omidyar-Tufts Microfinance Fund, established last fall by the largest donation in University history, is an unusually creative and progressive university investment. Tufts has had a good few years.

Of course, Bacow is not always responsible when things go well at Tufts. But he routinely gets held responsible when things go badly, whether or not he is at fault. To an extent, this is

his job. But the concerns and complaints lobbed at Bacow range from the serious to the very, very trivial.

At a meeting with Wren Hall residents in 2003, for example, Bacow was asked what he was going to do to address the issue of skunks living underneath the Wren Hall bridge. Bacow wryly told the student that the skunks were not under his jurisdiction. When students whine about minutiae, Bacow typically handles their concerns with understatement and grace.

More importantly, Bacow handles serious matters with care. He has a demanding constituency — parents, students and trustees — with diffuse interests. Students want Tufts to be more fun, trustees want Tufts to be better-endowed and everyone wants Tufts to be less expensive.

In addition to trying to address all of these groups' concerns, Bacow deals with the governments and citizens of Medford and Somerville. He goes to Washington and talks to the scary people there about federal funding for

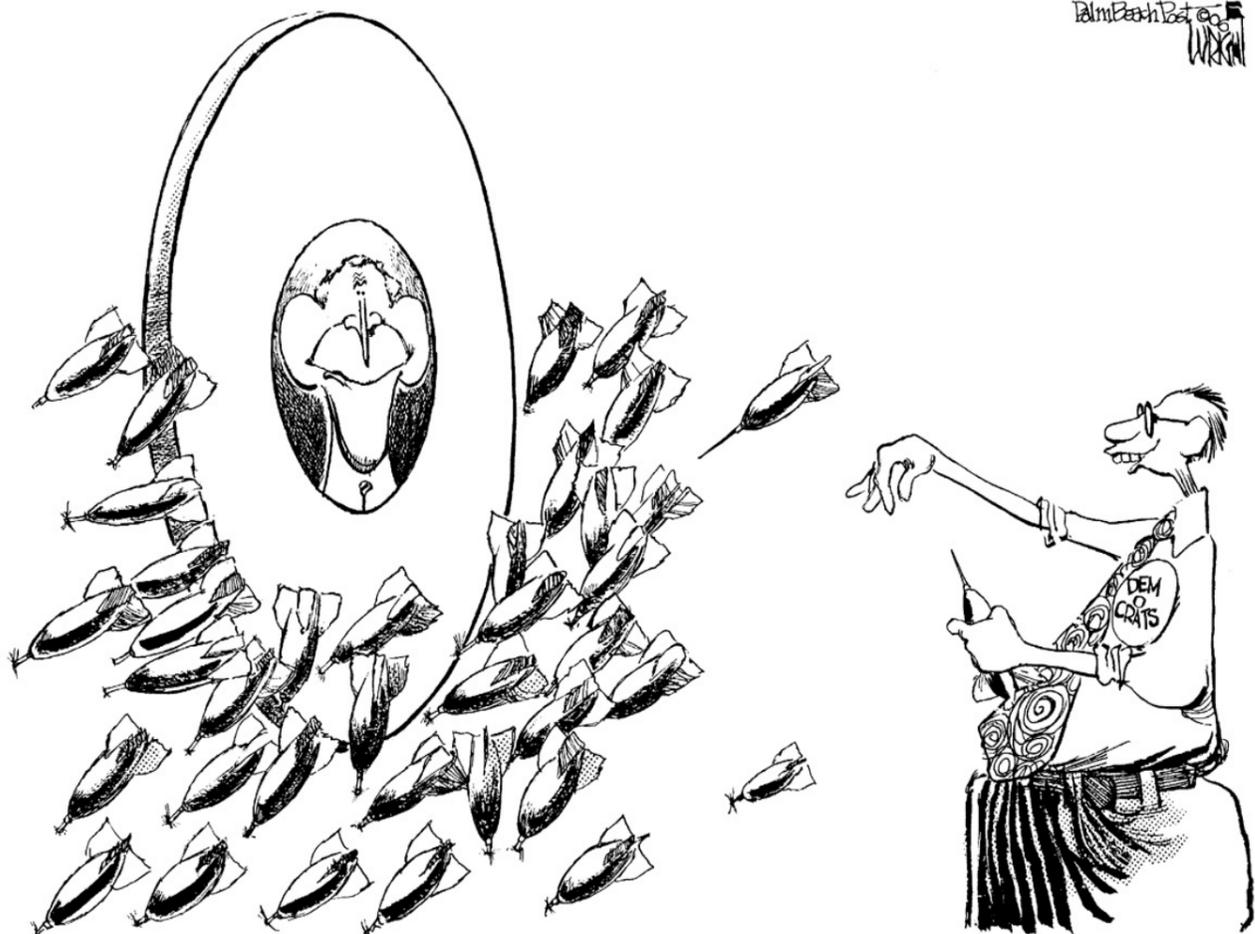
education. He runs marathons. He battles heart conditions. He gets up before 6 a.m. every day. Bacow is an impressive man.

Bacow gets a lot of sass for various perceived injustices. Tufts students alternately accuse him of trying to dismantle the Greek system, ruin the Naked Quad Run and generally make Tufts an autocratic fun-free zone. But reality does not bear out these accusations.

The Naked Quad Run is as alive, well and naked as ever. Many of the problems the Greek system has encountered in recent years have been self-generated — hazing, more than a puritanical administrative conspiracy, has been behind the probations of Chi Omega and Delta Tau Delta. If the Tufts social scene is boring or dying, it is up to Tufts students to enliven or revive it.

Like relocating skunks, providing students with fun is not in Bacow's job description. But he's doing well with everything that is.

DON WRIGHT



OFF THE HILL EDITORIAL | INDIANA U.

A vote for student voices

INDIANA DAILY STUDENT

Of the handful of people who actually vote, the most apathetic demographic is the college student — 18 to 24 years old. By sheer lack of will, it's almost impossible to get the youth voters to show up at their local polling station — even just once every four years.

Now the New Hampshire state legislature is discussing HB 1547, a bill which would entirely disenfranchise the few students who do vote. The bill is disguised as voting reform legislation under the presumption that felons, tourists and college students are being coerced into voting more than once at different polling stations, constituting voter fraud.

Specifically, the bill would grant residency status to "those living in hospitals, group homes and nursing homes," and deny it to those in "hotel rooms, jails and college dormitories," according to The Dartmouth, the student newspaper of Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. In effect, the bill would either force out-of-state students to vote in their home state by absentee ballot or deny

them a vote entirely.

The bill's proponents argue that college students are temporary residents with temporary concerns. They claim that students are not bothered by the rise in taxes since few pay their own anyway, and that the voice of the permanent residents is marginalized. What these lawmakers fail to recognize is that students have certain static interests: bus routes, noise ordinances, parking and state funding for their college or university. These are not problems unique to any one college; they're indicative of any area in which large numbers of people live: "towns" or "cities," if you will. When it comes to local affairs, a vote on changing last call is what gets students riled up.

But the bill's supporters might have a much more sinister motivation for pushing it through the House: college towns tend to run a blue streak, even in overwhelmingly red parts of the country (take Bloomington as a prime example). By denying a statistical majority of Democrats the right to vote, the Republicans hope to tip the scales in their favor.

"The general theme is that Republicans

are trying to intimidate immigrants, people who don't speak English, college students and low-income people and keep them from voting," said Rep. Sharon Nordgren, D-Hanover.

In an attempt to hide the actual purpose of the bill, one supporter went so far as to flatter students everywhere with this little gem of reason: "It's hard to believe that all college students are Democrats," Republican Rep. Robert Introne said. "College students tend to be enlightened, open-minded, and they look at both sides before making their decision."

If college students are so enlightened, one would assume they'd make the right decisions when it comes to issues of public concern. If those decisions happen to be liberally progressive, well that's just very convenient.

Fortunately, all expectations are that the bill will fail in the state senate, or be vetoed by the governor, a Democrat. The lawmakers supporting this bill need to recognize that regardless of political affiliation, students are an integral part of any college community who have a right to voice their grievances.

Senate leaders on verge of compromise on immigration bill

BY DAVE MONTGOMERY
Knight Ridder Tribune

In a major breakthrough, Democratic and Republican leaders in the Senate embraced a compromise immigration bill Thursday, fueling prospects for likely Senate passage of a plan that would put most illegal immigrants on track to permanent legal status.

Senate passage would put the bill on a collision course with a tough border-enforcement bill that the House of Representatives passed in December. It wouldn't give illegal immigrants legal status.

Thursday's compromise broke a Senate stalemate and revitalized President Bush's call for a comprehensive overhaul of the nation's immigration laws. Nevertheless, a group of Senate Republicans and House conservatives wasted little time in attacking it.

A House-Senate negotiating committee will craft the legislation's final terms, but some lawmakers and outside groups who have a stake in the immigration debate said the differences might be insurmountable. Compromise on such an emotional

and controversial issue may prove impossible for many lawmakers who face reelection in November.

"I do not believe a plan of this nature can pass the House," said Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., the leader of a conservative coalition that opposes legalizing undocumented aliens. "It's miserable public policy."

Senate supporters of the compromise said Bush backed basic elements of the plan and would try to push it through Congress.

In a statement after the agreement was announced, the president acknowledged that there are "still details to be worked out" but called on senators to work hard to pass the bill before Congress quits work Friday for a two-week Easter recess.

The agreement would retool a comprehensive immigration plan that the Senate Judiciary Committee passed, which would have put nearly all illegal immigrants who are now in the country — estimated as at least 12 million — on a path toward permanent legal status and eventual U.S. citizenship.

Under the compromise, a three-tiered system would offer legal status to what Senate leaders estimate as 7 million to 8



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A group of senators listen as Sen. Barack Obama addresses a Senate committee hearing on Capitol Hill last week.

million illegal residents who've been in the United States for five years or longer. They'd be eligible for "green cards" authorizing them to become permanent legal

residents after six years and could become citizens after 11 years.

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I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, former chief of staff and national security adviser to Vice President Dick Cheney, arrives at Federal Court in Washington, D.C., Thursday, Nov. 3, 2005.

Bush authorized leak on Iraq, Libby says

BY MARK SILVA
AND ANDREW ZAJAC
Knight Ridder Tribune

Long after President Bush warned that anyone in his administration who leaked classified information would suffer the consequences, a new federal court filing asserts that it was Bush himself who authorized release of once-classified intelligence about Iraq's purported weapons of mass destruction in the summer of 2003.

Former vice presidential chief of staff Lewis "Scooter" Libby, who was indicted on obstruction of justice charges in the broad investigation of the leaked identity of a CIA agent, has testified that the president authorized him to release "relevant" parts of a National Intelligence Estimate to offset criticism of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, according to court documents filed Wednesday.

The new and potentially embarrassing revelation for the Bush administration is contained

in a federal court filing by the Chicago-based prosecutor, Patrick Fitzgerald, who is investigating the disclosure of the identity of CIA operative Valerie Plame. That document makes no connection between Bush and the leak of Plame's name, but it draws Bush into a small circle that released selected national intelligence to counter the claims of an outspoken critic of the war.

The president had the legal authority to declassify information by releasing it, a government authority and outside experts say, but the alleged episode raises a more pressing political problem. It has increased demands for the White House — which was refusing to comment on the investigation Thursday — to publicly address a conflict between Bush's criticism of leaks and his own alleged leaking.

"This is a very significant disclosure. This is big," said Rep. Ray LaHood, R-Ill., a Bush ally who refrained from commenting on Libby's testimony but maintained that the White House will be com-

pelled to comment. "They're going to have to comment on it," he said. "They owe all of us an explanation, all of us who trust him, and they owe the American people an explanation."

In a midterm election year, Democrats are speaking out more forcefully.

"If Mr. Libby's claims are true, they represent a catastrophic breach of the public trust," said Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J. "It's OK for the Bush administration to release classified documents that compromise national security when it suits their political purposes."

Plame's husband, former Ambassador Joseph Wilson, had traveled to Niger to investigate claims that Iraq was trying to purchase uranium for nuclear weapons. After debunking that claim, which was among the assertions that the president had made in his rationale for the invasion of Iraq in 2003, Wilson wrote an op-ed

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Academia feels shadow of government

BY VINCENT J. SCHODOLSKI
Knight Ridder Tribune

On Mar. 10, Latin American history professor Miguel Tinker-Salas was sitting in his office at Pomona College expecting students during his regular office hours.

Instead, two Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies walked in and started questioning the Venezuelan-born professor.

"The main focus of their questioning had to do with the Venezuelan community in (Southern California) and their desire to develop a profile of this community," Tinker-Salas said in an interview.

The deputies were gathering information for an FBI-led terrorism task force, something that unnerved Tinker-Salas and later the president of Pomona College, David Oxtoby, who circulated a concerned e-mail to faculty, students and alumni.

The concern centered on the chilling effect such visits could

have on the spirit of openness and academic freedom at the college, near Los Angeles in Claremont, Calif. Similar concerns were expressed during the debate surrounding congressional renewal of the USA Patriot Act.

Moreover, the American Civil Liberties Union has raised broader questions about the Bush administration's denials of visas to foreign scholars and others in what some see as a political effort to bar dissident voices from the country.

The ACLU has filed two related lawsuits: In one, the group is pressing the administration to turn over documents that could shed light on why certain individuals were denied entry into the United States; in a second, the ACLU challenges aspects of the Patriot Act, arguing that ideological considerations and not terrorist concerns are being used to keep certain academics out of the country.

"We think that there is increasing evidence that the government

is using the law to manipulate the flow of information into this country," said Jameel Jaffer, a staff attorney with the ACLU. "The way the government is using the law is to exclude people who have disagreed with U.S. policy."

The second ACLU lawsuit seeking to change aspects of the Patriot Act also names Tariq Ramadan as the symbolic plaintiff. Ramadan, a Swiss national barred by the U.S. government from entering the country, was set to take a position at the University of Notre Dame.

A number of cases have raised concerns across the nation:

Bolivian historian Waskar Ari, hired recently to teach at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, has been denied a visa to enter the U.S.

Last month a group of 59 Cuban scholars was refused entry to Puerto Rico, a U.S. commonwealth, to attend an academic conference.

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Rock!... wait, no, paper!



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Sarah Ferran demonstrates championship form. After winning a local Rock, Paper, Scissors competition, she's headed to Las Vegas, Nevada to compete for the USARPS national championship and \$50,000.

After weeks of debate, senate leaders find middle ground

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Those who've been in the United States two years or less — estimated at 1 million to 2 million — would be required to return to their home countries.

Undocumented aliens in the third category — 3 million to 4 million people who've been in the United States two to five years — would be required to go to one of 20 ports of entry, where they could apply for temporary work visas for up to six years. They'd also be eligible to apply for green cards.

All aliens allowed to remain would be required to pass background checks, learn English and pay back taxes and possible fines. They'd be required to present documents such as employee statements and tax records to determine how long they'd been in the country.

More than a dozen key senators, including Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., and Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., embraced the agreement and predicted it would win Senate passage with a bipartisan majority.

"We're not there yet, but hopefully in the next 24 hours there will be occasion for real celebration," Reid said.

Frist called the compromise a huge

breakthrough that puts the Senate on track toward passing "a very important bill."

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Other key senators endorsing the measure were John McCain, R-Ariz., and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who co-sponsored a plan that the Judiciary Committee bill largely incorporated, and Arlen Specter, R-Pa., the chairman of the

Judiciary Committee.

Sens. John Cornyn, R-Texas, and Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., who authored a rival immigration plan, joined Sens. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., and Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., in denouncing the legalization provisions as a form of "amnesty" that rewards illegal behavior. They vowed to present amendments in an attempt to alter the bill.

"We just don't want this crammed down our throat," Cornyn said.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., predicted that the compromise would draw more than the 60 votes needed in the 100-member Senate to withstand a possible filibuster from Republican opponents.

Referring to the bipartisan "Gang of 14" that fashioned a compromise on judicial nominations, Lieberman said: "Today, I think we have a gang of about 65."

Frist presented the broad outlines of the compromise late Monday night after a seven-day stalemate that left senators in both parties increasingly doubtful that Congress would be able to overhaul immigration this year. Architects of the compromise included Frist, McCain and Sens. Mel Martinez, R-Fla., Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Chuck Hagel, R-Neb.

Bush criticized by town hall meeting attendee

BY RON HUTCHESON
AND JIM MORRILL
Knight Ridder Tribune

President Bush isn't used to tongue lashings, but he got a scolding Thursday from a North Carolina man who told the president that he should be ashamed of himself.

"While I listen to you talk about freedom, I see you assert your right to tap my telephone, to arrest me and hold me without charges, to try to preclude me from breathing clean air and drinking clean water," real estate broker Harry Taylor told Bush at a town hall meeting. "I have never felt more ashamed of nor more frightened by my leadership in Washington."

The audience at Central Piedmont Community College booded, but Bush seemed to take the criticism in stride.

"I'm not your favorite guy," the president said. "What's your question?"

Taylor didn't have one, but he wasn't finished.

"I feel like, despite your rhetoric, that compassion and common sense have been left far behind during your administration," he told Bush. "And I would hope, from time to time, that you have the humility and the grace to be ashamed of yourself."

Bush defended his decision to authorize domestic eavesdropping in cases involving conversations between the United States and terrorist suspects or their associates in other countries.

"I'm not going to apologize for what I did on the terrorist surveillance program. ... Would I apologize for that? The answer is, absolutely not," he said to applause.

The extraordinary encounter highlighted just how far Bush has come from the days when he limited his appearances to carefully screened crowds. In the past, tickets to presidential events were typically distributed through the Republican Party or other Bush-friendly groups. Bush rarely took questions, and when he did, they were almost always fawning.

That's changed in recent weeks as his poll numbers have dropped amid growing unease with the war in Iraq. White House aides acknowledge that Bush's new willingness to take tough questions is part of an effort to respond to war worries.

For all their differences, Bush and Taylor agreed on at least one thing.

"I really appreciate the courtesy of allowing me to speak what I'm saying to you right now," Taylor said near the conclusion of his reprimand. "That is part of what this country's about."

"It is," Bush agreed.

In testimony, Libby says authorization came from above

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article for The New York Times on July 6, 2003, criticizing the flawed intelligence that the administration had cited in taking the nation to war.

Evidence that Fitzgerald is preparing for Libby's trial will show that Wilson's article "was viewed in the office of vice president as a direct attack on the credibility of the vice president (and the president) on a matter of signal importance: the rationale for the war in Iraq," Fitzgerald wrote.

Two days after Wilson's article appeared, Libby spoke with New York Times reporter Judith Miller as a confidential source "only after the vice president advised (Libby) that the president specifically had authorized (Libby) to disclose certain information in the NIE (National Intelligence Estimate)," the filing shows.

Vice President Dick Cheney called it "very important" for "key judgments" of that intelligence to "come out," serving as a "pretty definitive" counterattack to Wilson's criticism. Libby "understood that he was to tell the reporter, among other things, that a key judgment of the NIE held that Iraq was 'vigorously trying to procure' uranium," the filing shows.

The vice president believed Wilson's credibility would be undercut if his trip were perceived as "a junket," and "an assignment on account of nepotism," according to the court filing. Libby discussed Wilson's connection to Plame with both The New

York Times reporter and a Time magazine reporter several days later.

Bush declined to comment Thursday when a reporter called out a question to him. And the White House, which had spoken out frequently during 2003, has maintained a more recent policy of not commenting on Fitzgerald's investigation.

"It's an ongoing investigation, and we've had a policy for some time that we're not going to comment on it," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Thursday.

Libby at first believed he couldn't discuss the intelligence estimate with Miller "because of the classified nature of the NIE," Fitzgerald has told the court.

But Cheney assured Libby that the president had authorized him to "disclose the relevant portions of the NIE," the filing shows, and David Addington, the legal counsel in Cheney's office, assured him that the president's approval for release of the information "amounted to a declassification of the document."

In the fall of 2003 Bush insisted that no one in his administration had leaked classified information — and that if he learned that anyone had, he would take appropriate action.

"Listen," Bush said in response to a reporter's question in Chicago on Sept. 30, 2003, "I don't know of anybody in my administration who leaked classified information. If somebody did leak classified information, I'd like to know it, and we'll take the appropriate action."

"There are too many leaks of classified information in Washington," Bush said then. "And if there is a leak out of my administration, I want to know who it is. And if the person has violated law, the person will be taken care of."

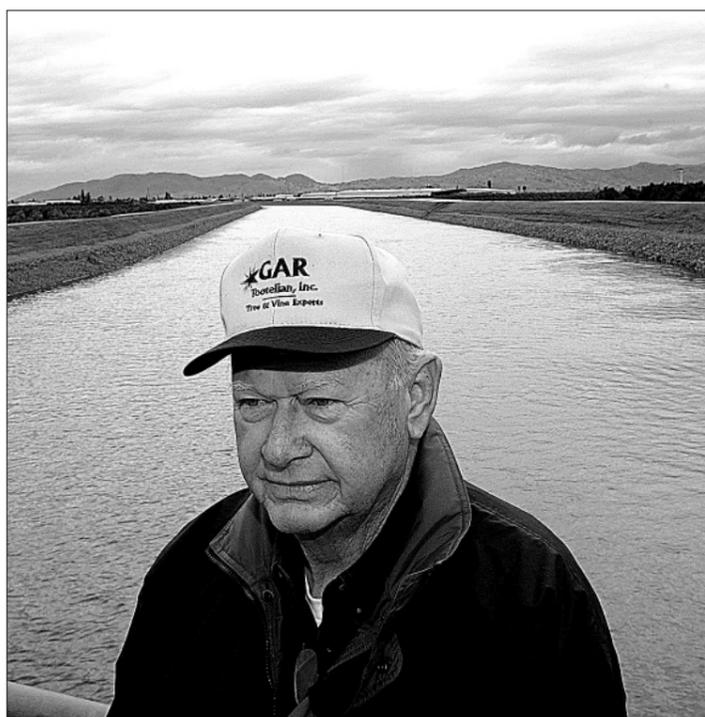
There are about 4,000 people in the federal government with authority to classify information, according to the National Archives. The president and vice president have the power to declassify information, according to an executive order Bush had updated as recently as March 2003.

The president's authority to keep and reveal secrets also is inherent in his constitutional powers, says J. William Leonard, director of the National Archives' Information Security Oversight Office, and the president does not have to follow any particular procedure in declassifying information.

"It's his authority in the first place," Leonard said.

While Bush's use of classified information may create a political problem for him, it's not a legal issue, said Mark Zaid, a Washington lawyer who frequently represents CIA employees and others involved in national security issues. As the author of the executive order governing how information is classified, Bush can declassify something simply by declaring so, Zaid said.

"Since the president is the one who issues the order, ergo he obviously has the authority to classify and declassify information," Zaid said Thursday.



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Harvey Bailey, 68, stands in front of the Friant-Kern canal in Orange Cove, California, Mar. 28, 2006. Bailey owns 1,100 acres of groves. His livelihood depends on the water flow provided by the Friant Dam.

Agreement brings water back to river

BY PAUL ROGERS
Knight Ridder Tribune

As a boy growing up in the 1940s, Walt Shubin built a canoe and paddled the San Joaquin River. He camped on its banks, caught 30-pound salmon from its waters and spent countless hours exploring its bends and turns.

"To me, it was a national treasure," said Shubin, now 75. "Next to Yosemite, it was the most beautiful thing I had ever seen."

That world ended in 1944 when the federal government built Friant Dam east of Fresno and diverted 95 percent of the river's pristine waters to parched farmers.

Today, the water nourishes 1 million acres of oranges, almonds and other crops from Fresno to Bakersfield, America's top agricultural region. But California's second-longest river is neglected, polluted, its salmon long gone. Near Los Banos, where Shubin recently walked the dusty riverbed remembering the past, the

river is bone-dry.

The San Joaquin's troubles also have degraded water supplies for millions of people from the Bay Area to Los Angeles.

Yet, like spring, the river has a chance to begin anew.

In a historic legal settlement expected this month, environmentalists, farmers and federal water officials say they will unveil an agreement to release billions of gallons of water back into the San Joaquin.

The settlement is expected to bring widespread changes, from increasing the number of fish in San Francisco Bay to improving drinking water quality.

"There should be Sierra snowmelt flowing into the Delta, and instead there is polluted farm runoff. Which would you rather drink?" said Barry Nelson, a senior policy analyst at the Natural Resources Defense Council in San Francisco.

The settlement ends an 18-year legal battle that began when NRDC and other environmental

and fishing groups sued the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which operates Friant Dam. In 2004, NRDC won a court ruling requiring enough water to be put back into the river to restore fish.

For farmers, the ruling was a political shockwave that some say threatens their existence. Others see it as a once-in-a-lifetime chance to restore balance.

"I don't know of any project to restore a major river and a major salmon run like this anywhere in the West," said Peter Moyle, a fisheries biologist at the University of California-Davis.

"This is a river that has been dried up in long stretches for 60 years. It can literally be brought back to life again."

Restoration will require an estimated \$650 million to rebuild levees, plant trees and remove barriers on 100 miles of river from Fresno to Merced. That work could take a decade, although Moyle predicted salmon will return in

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Down-on-its-luck Illinois city paralyzed by bitter feud

BY MAURA POSSLEY AND E.A. TORRIERO
Knight Ridder Tribune

This troubled riverfront town has been ailing for years, plagued by poverty, citizen flight, decay and racial strife.

Now its government is paralyzed, with four council members rebelling against the mayor. The feud shows how politics can heighten the misery of a small community struggling to survive.

For nearly three years, nothing has been accomplished at council meetings but shouting. Cairo's bills remain unpaid. Ditto for city workers' health-insurance premiums and loans that led a bank to freeze a municipal account. More than a dozen police and fire chiefs, city clerks and treasurers have resigned or been fired by the mayor.

The mayor refers to some council members as "jarheads" and insists that security frisk them and keep their monthly pay locked in a safe. In turn, four council members are suing him. They refuse to approve his initiatives and call him names such as "Saddam Hussein."

"Nothing but a dictator," a red-faced Councilman Joseph Thurston screamed at Mayor Paul Farris at a recent meeting to discuss city finances. "Nobody can do anything because you're the king."

"Do your job," Farris shouted back. "You are supposed to be the finance commissioner."

"Who can be the finance commissioner under an idiot like you who is out of control?" Thurston asked.

The hissing audience knows that the very governing body designed to save Cairo (pronounced Kay-Row) may be hastening its demise.

Neither side seems inclined to budge. There are no signs of compromise or any inclination toward outside intervention for the once proud town of Mark Twain lore, nearly 400 miles south of Chicago at the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers.

"The people who run Cairo need major

Dr. Phil intervention," said Stace England, a country blues singer who spent five years in Cairo creating a recently released soundtrack about the town and its troubles. His last cut is titled "Can't We All Get Along."

This boot-heel town of 3,000 people is broke, its schools imperiled, stores shuttered and streets empty. Boarded-up Commercial Street, Cairo's main avenue, has little commerce.

"The government is too dysfunctional to accept outside help and cannot get over its petty differences to do anything to help people," England said. "Meanwhile, the town is gasping to survive."

Save for police, fire, garbage and essential services, the government provides little. With an annual operating budget of some \$2.5 million, Cairo is about \$500,000 in the red, according to estimates by civic observers. The town has not submitted an audit since 2002, despite requests from the state comptroller, so there is no official count. State officials say they are working with Cairo to make sure the 2003 audit is finished.

Workers get paid despite the council's refusal to approve the payroll because the mayor controls Cairo's purse strings and decides how to disperse funds.

"The government is like the many buildings in Cairo that are merely shells on the outside and have nothing left on the inside," said Kathryn Ward, a sociologist at Southern Illinois University. She is writing a book about Cairo's turbulence, titled "It Ain't Got There Yet."

More than 21,000 people lived in Cairo in the 1920s when it was a roaring riverfront town. But by the 1950s, Cairo was highly segregated. Whites ran the city.

That set the stage for one of the state's fiercest civil rights battles, which included boycotts and burnings in the 1970s. Ironically, the roots of the current council dispute go back to a major civil rights victory: a 1980 federal decree that was supposed to instill fair government.

In a settlement that year, a federal order imposed a district form of election in Cairo.



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A collapsed bowling alley is seen Mar. 14, 2006, in Cairo, Illinois.

Whites used to run the town by being elected at large. But after the change in 1980, blacks took council seats by winning in wards.

For nearly a quarter century, mayors and council members worked under the federal decree with no rancor. They struggled, though, with white flight — today Cairo is 67 percent black — and steep economic decline.

Some in Cairo blamed its spiraling demise on a government ripe with cronyism. Farris, whose farm family traces back decades in Cairo, decided to run for mayor in 2003 with the backing of a politically active clergyman.

A salesman of farm machine lubricant products, Farris ran on a reform platform vowing "to clean house." He beat 12-year incumbent James Wilson by a vote of 862-745. Four of Wilson's allies on the council vowed never to work with Farris.

Although Farris is white and three of

the four council members fighting him are black, the feud did not begin as racially based, some longtime political observers said. Rather, it is a political power struggle, they said. And both sides look to the 1980 federal decree as a basis for their power.

In Farris' view, the decree put Cairo under a "hybrid" form of government that can be interpreted a number of ways. The way he reads it, the mayor is entitled to be the chief administrator, with veto power. Four of the six council members — some of whom have been on the council for 20 years — interpret the decree another way. They say the mayor can make permanent appointments only with council's consent, that he is simply the administrator of council decisions.

Lawyers and plaintiffs who crafted the decree in 1980 said in interviews that both sides are overreaching. The decree centered on how officials are to be elected. It was not intended to largely change how the government functioned, they said.

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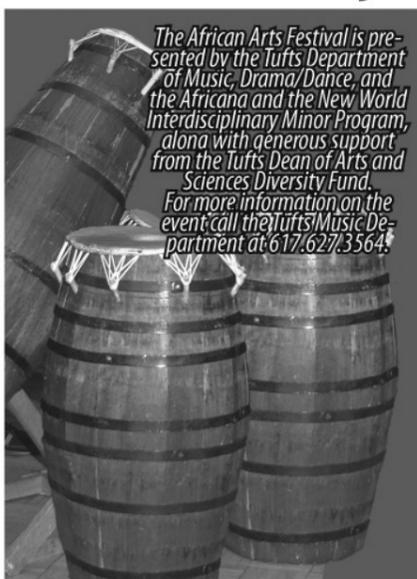


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Don't forget it, Jake, it's not Chinatown

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two or three years once water flow increases.

There are precedents: In 1996, the Solano County Water Agency agreed to put water back into 22 miles of Putah Creek near Davis. Salmon came back the first year. Native plants and trees grew. Songbirds returned. Community groups began cleaning up the creek, and schoolchildren studied it.

"Suddenly the creek has become an asset," said Moyle, "when before it was a place full of dirty water where you didn't want your kids to play."

The San Joaquin is not the only California river to be massively re-engineered.

Much of the Golden State receives only about 15 inches of rain a year — the same as Morocco — and could not have grown without some of the most ambitious water projects ever built in the United States.

Nearly a century ago San Francisco submerged scenic Hetch Hetchy Valley in Yosemite National Park to expand its water supply. And Los Angeles built a canal 220 miles through the desert, draining much of the Owens River.

The San Joaquin's story is similar: Friant Dam diverted so much water that the river dries up completely for 20 to 70 miles downstream in most years.

Now it will be the first major river in California where society attempts to turn back the clock on a huge scale, even if not all the way.

The river runs 350 miles. It begins as melting snow at 13,000 feet near Mount Ritter in the Sierra south of Yosemite. Tumbling through waterfalls and granite canyons, it historically flowed into the San Joaquin Valley, meandering north past present-day Modesto to empty into the Delta near Stockton.

Officials for the Contra Costa Water District, which draws water from the Delta, are skeptical that the settlement will improve water quality at its intakes because water quality is of secondary importance to the negotiators, said district assistant general manager Greg Gartrell.

In California, a campus responds to an unwelcome visit

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Dora Maria Tellez, a leading member of the Sandinista Liberation Movement in Nicaragua who is now a college professor, was denied permission to enter the U.S. to teach at Harvard University.

Maura Harty, an assistant secretary of state in the Bureau of Consular Affairs, said that the vast majority of visas for students and professors are processed efficiently and the visas are issued.

She said she regretted any unwarranted delays but noted that the process of granting visas had become more complicated in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"We need to strike a balance between securing our borders and open doors," she said.

Harty refused to comment on specific cases where visas had been denied, but she noted that all visa applications have to be vetted by officials in the Department of Homeland Security before they are passed to the State Department.

In the case of Tinker-Salas, Los

Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca said that he would henceforth discourage deputies from interviewing academics on campus.

The FBI issued a statement in which it said government officials should consider the timing and the venue of their interviews. The statement also said the government had no intention of placing the professor or Pomona students in "an uncomfortable situation."

"We must acknowledge the potential that academics have links to terrorism," Harold Krent, a dean and professor at the Chicago-Kent College of Law, said by e-mail. "But with these recent investigations (it is clear) that our government should move with extreme caution in investigating academics both for fear of shutting out speech and of chilling both speech and association as in the [Tinker-Salas] case."

As for Waskar Ari, officials at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln said last month that they remain in the dark about why the government refused to issue a visa.

Ari said that he still has no idea what was holding up his visa.

Unofficially, Ari has been told that his visa application was being held up because of a Homeland Security background investigation. The university had applied for an expedited visa for Ari in June.

"In mid-October a friend of mine with good connections at the federal government told me that I was under intense investigation," he said in an e-mail exchange from Bolivia, where he is teaching history again.

"She said more than one U.S. agency of intelligence was checking my background and with no time limits. Then I was aware how serious was this case. I do not know how long this is going to last and how long the UNL (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) is going to wait for me."

University officials are puzzled as well.

"He is still in limbo," said Patrick Jones, an assistant professor of history. "We have not been given any information formally of what the problem is."

Jones said he was not sure

whether politics played a role in Ari's visa situation, "but he is seen as a moderate in Bolivia and is criticized for being too pro-American."

Ari received his doctorate from Georgetown University, Jones noted.

Chuck Tripp, a professor of political science at Westminster College in Salt Lake City, saw politics at play in the case of the Venezuelan and Bolivian professors.

"Unfortunately, in both cases," Tripp said, "... no individual legal rights have been violated and, further, as far as I can tell, the academic freedoms of these two gentlemen have not been assaulted, even though we might expect as much. In other words, there's no clear proof of (politics)."

The administration has been heavily critical of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, and Chavez has lashed out against President Bush. Also, relations between the administration and Bolivia's new president, Evo Morales, a populist like Chavez, have been troubled.

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Former Iraqi judge testifies that Shiites received fair trials

BY AAMER MADHANI
Knight Ridder Tribune

The man who sentenced 148 Iraqis to death at the behest of Saddam Hussein testified Thursday that he was only following the law.

Awad al-Bandar presided as judge over the perfunctory trials of the men and teenage boys of the Shiite village of Dujail, Iraq, who were randomly rounded up, tried and executed after a botched assassination attempt on Saddam. In his defense, al-Bandar told the Iraqi Special Tribunal on Thursday that the law required him to mete out the punishment.

"There was proof that they had taken part in the (assassination attempt)," al-Bandar told the judge, Raouf al-Rahman, who is overseeing the 6-month-old trial of Saddam, al-Bandar and five others being tried in the Dujail case. "They were all found guilty. If you had the case in front of you, you would have had completely the same verdict."

Saddam has admitted in court that he signed off on the death sentences and said the response was legal. The former president and his six co-defendants could be hanged if convicted on charges of crimes against humanity for arbitrarily imprisoning and torturing hundreds and executing 148 men and boys after the July 1982 incident in Dujail.

Saddam and the others were allegedly trying to exact revenge against the entire village, including many who had nothing to do with the assassination attempt, after the plot to kill him was foiled. Al-Bandar testified that the suspects were treated fairly, even though only one attorney was appointed to defend all the men. He also said that he deliberated and handed down verdicts for all the cases by working 15-hour workdays over a 16-day period.

Al-Bandar was the only one of the defendants to appear in court Thursday. He was brought in as prosecutors presented a series of documents that listed the names of the executed, verdicts and a letter from al-Bandar that counseled that the hundreds of suspects rounded up and imprisoned after the assassination attempt should face maximum punishment.

The trial, which has moved at an agonizingly slow pace and has been marked by repeated tirades from Saddam and his co-defendants, has entered the final stretch, U.S. officials said. In the coming weeks, the court

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'Gospel of Judas' discovered



Florence Darbre, conservator of the manuscript, works with Coptologist Gregor Wurst to reassemble multitudes of fragments into their proper pages and locations.

BY RON GROSSMAN
Knight Ridder Tribune

A long-lost manuscript dating to the early Christian era and unveiled Thursday tells the Easter story from a strikingly different perspective: that of Judas Iscariot, long reviled as the man who betrayed Jesus.

The "Gospel of Judas," as the document has been titled, portrays Judas as Jesus' favorite, entrusted with secrets withheld from the other disciples. His role in the crucifixion was laudable, for it enabled Jesus to escape the limitations of the flesh.

In this version, "Judas is the good guy," said Bart Ehrman, a University of North Carolina professor of religious history.

The 3rd or 4th century manuscript, writ-

ten in Coptic on sheets of papyrus, was discovered in Egypt in the 1970s only to vanish again into an underworld of smugglers and shadowy antiquities dealers. On Thursday it was unveiled by the National Geographic Society, which is publishing the text and other materials.

The text describes itself as: "The secret account of the revelation that Jesus spoke in conversation with Judas Iscariot during a week three days before he celebrated Passover."

The announcement of an alternative account to those of Mark, Matthew, John and Luke is bound to stir the passions of believers — especially coming shortly before the annual commemoration of

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In Mexico, the answer lies in finding jobs

BY NATHANIEL HOFFMAN
Knight Ridder Tribune

Immigration may divide U.S. politicians, but there's no split among Mexico's three main presidential hopefuls on ways to manage the flow of workers northward.

In campaign statements and literature, each has called for better treatment of Mexican migrants regardless of their legal status in the United States, more jobs in Mexico's countryside to encourage workers to stay and an immigration agreement with the United States.

Advisers to the candidates acknowledge that the issue of migration to the United States isn't likely to make a difference in the campaign. Everyone agrees that good U.S. relations are essential.

"Foreign policy issues are not the ones that are going to elect the president," said Arturo Sarukhan, the international relations coordinator for Felipe Calderon, the candidate of the National Action Party.

Though there's great interest here in the immigration debate that's taking place in the United States, the Mexican campaigns see the primary issue for them as the lack of jobs in Mexico.

"We have to impede the people's exit from Mexico, and the only way to do that is to give them work," said Jose Maria Perez Gay, the foreign policy coordinator for Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, the Party of the Democratic Revolution candidate, who's led polls since before campaigning began.

Each of the candidates offers a different formula for spurring development.

Lopez Obrador calls for massive public-infrastructure projects in housing, railroads and reforestation — a Mexican "New Deal." Calderon urges creating service-sector jobs in areas of Mexico that traditionally provide workers to the United States. Roberto Madrazo, the Institutional Revolutionary Party candidate, who's running third in the polls, has called for tourism development in rural areas.

President Vicente Fox, of the National Action Party, touted an ambitious immigration plan when he was elected six years ago, hoping for an agreement with the United States that would provide Mexicans with permanent access to legal jobs. But those hopes were dashed after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, as the Bush administration's attention turned to security.

"Immigration has been the main and

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Egyptian secular parties in awful state

BY MIRET EL-NAGGAR
Knight Ridder Tribune

On a rainy spring day a week ago, one of Egypt's most prominent politicians and about 50 gunmen shot their way into his party's headquarters in Cairo, tossed Molotov cocktails and ransacked offices to settle a leadership dispute.

When the smoke cleared after the 10-hour standoff, 23 people were wounded, the politician and at least one legislator were in custody, and the image of the Wafd Party — Egypt's oldest opposition party — was tarnished in the eyes of millions of Egyptians.

The spectacular showdown was the latest blow to moderate Egyptian dissidents, who are struggling to carve a niche between

President Hosni Mubarak's authoritarian rule and the growing Islamist fervor of the Muslim Brotherhood, Egypt's main opposition group. Other secular opposition groups also are struggling with internal rivalries and clashes with the government, dashing hopes of a unified front that could challenge the ruling party's tenacious grasp on power and the appeal of the Muslim Brotherhood's conservative Islam.

"In Egypt, political parties are in very bad shape," said Mohamed Sayed Saied, deputy director of the prestigious Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies in Cairo. "There is a climate of despair."

The politician involved in the Wafd standoff was Noman Gomaa, 70, a lawyer and former Wafd leader

who refused to abdicate his seat to a new chairman. He and 15 of his alleged accomplices were charged with attempted murder, possession of firearms and "baltaga," an Egyptian word that roughly translates as "thuggery." The Cairo press corps went into a frenzy. Egyptians followed the drama as though watching a soap-opera cliffhanger.

"This is a catastrophe for party life in Egypt," the head of the Cairo press syndicate told Al-Jazeera satellite television. "Appalled" was the word used by Saied of the Ahram center. The editor of the Wafd's newspaper opined that Gomaa must have been "overcome by the devil."

"There is no difference between

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Noman Gomaa of the Wafd Party gestures while speaking during a rally in Belbais, Egypt, late Monday, August 29, 2005. The former Wafd leader refused to abdicate his seat and staged a coup on his party headquarters.

Mogul's probable porn trial tests Mexican legal system

BY KEVIN G. HALL
Knight Ridder Tribune

Mexican prosecutors are preparing for the return from the United States of a wealthy Cancun businessman whose child-sex and pornography case gained notoriety last year after a journalist who wrote a book about the allegations was arrested.

U.S. District Judge David K. Duncan ruled from the bench in Phoenix on Tuesday that Jean Succar Kuri, 61, would be returned to Mexico to face charges ranging from child rape and corruption of minors to participation in an international child-pornography ring. Seven girls and a boy allege sexual abuse that was filmed or photographed.

Succar Kuri, who's a legal U.S. resident, has been in jail in Arizona since Feb. 6, 2004. He's likely to be returned to Mexico within 90 days, though defense attorneys said they'd try to block the judge's decision.

The case exploded onto the international stage in December, after the arrest of journalist Lydia Cacho, who wrote "The Demons of Eden: The Power That Protects Child Pornography." The book, published in Mexico, asserts that powerful politicians have pressured Mexican prosecutors to back off from charging Succar Kuri.

Police from the state of Puebla, near Mexico City, seized Cacho in Cancun, 900 miles outside their jurisdiction, and took her back to Puebla to face local charges of criminal libel. Cacho eventually was released and the charges were dropped after an outcry from international rights and media organizations.

Her arrest became an even bigger issue in February, when leaked audiotapes purportedly showed that the governor of Puebla, Mario Marin, had engineered the arrest as a favor for Mexican clothing magnate Kamel Nacif, whom Cacho describes in her book as a Succar Kuri confidant and protector.

Marin doesn't deny that the voice on the tapes is his, but he says the conversations' content has been altered.

In one of them, Nacif thankfully fawns over Marin for the unusual arrest and calls him "my precious governor."

Many Mexicans think that the tapes expose what they've long suspected: that corrupt state politicians still manipulate the courts and law enforcement on behalf of cronies. The tapes are thought to have damaged the presidential campaign of Roberto Madrazo, a political ally of Marin. Both are members of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI in its Spanish initials.

Cacho's book alleges that



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Cancun businessman Jean Succar Kuri

another prominent PRI member, who headed government ministries in the 1990s, pressured prosecutors to drop the case, and that similar pressure came from a politician who works in the administration of conservative President Vicente Fox, who's a member of the National Action Party. Both deny friendship with Succar Kuri or intervening on his behalf.

Many here and in the United States think the case will be a test of the independence and integrity of Mexico's criminal justice system.

Succar Kuri is a prominent

Cancun businessman who controls concessions at the international airport there and whose net worth is estimated to exceed \$20 million. Before his arrest, he divided his time between a condominium in Cancun and a luxury home in Los Angeles.

Alicia Elena Perez Duarte, Mexico's prosecutor for women's rights, who's in charge of the federal charges against Succar Kuri, said her office wouldn't bow to political pressure.

"I don't have personal or political ties to high-level functionaries," she said. "Where we have elements to follow we will follow them."

The case has taken a number of unusual turns, however.

The local prosecutor, Leidy Campos, was removed after Succar Kuri phoned a Cancun radio station from hiding to claim that prosecutors had asked him for \$1 million to make the case go away. Campos denied that any effort had been made to solicit a bribe from him.

Succar Kuri's primary accuser, a 22-year-old woman who charged that he began having sex with her when she was 14, recently recanted her testimony, saying Campos had coerced her into making the accusation. Judge Duncan dismissed her change of heart, saying Mexican police have pictures of disrobed children on Succar Kuri's bed.

"These photos constitute

probable cause that the pornography offense has been committed," the judge held.

Controversy surrounds other evidence in the case. Mexican police videotaped Succar Kuri describing sex acts that he said he'd committed with girls as young as 5. The tape was made during a casual lunch in Cancun with his accuser, but he wasn't arrested after that meeting and left the country soon afterward.

The tape was leaked to television stations, which aired it, and state prosecutors released not only the names of the accusers — some still minors — but also their cell phone numbers, addresses, the names of their parents and graphic photographs.

Rape counselors called the release of the information highly unusual.

U.S. prosecutors said they'd follow the case closely, noting that Succar Kuri, as a permanent U.S. resident, could be charged under U.S. laws that prohibit citizens and permanent residents from having sex with minors at home or abroad. His accuser alleges that he took her to Los Angeles and Las Vegas.

"We looked at it very carefully and we're not ruling out the possibility of bringing charges in the future," said U.S. Attorney Paul K. Charlton, whose office brought the extradition charges on behalf of Mexico.

Judas text raises difficult questions about the nature of Christianity

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Jesus' final days.

"It raises the question: What does the Sunday school teacher tell her students?" said Hershel Shanks, publisher of *Biblical Archaeology Review*, a longtime forum for scholars and others interested in biblical times.

Princeton University professor Elaine Pagels said she thinks the Judas gospel will alert contemporary believers to the fact that in earlier times there was not one but several kinds of Christianity. Some would seem strange, even alien, to present-day churchgoers, being more mystical and mysterious than they are used to.

"In the ancient world, Christianity was even more diverse than now," Ehrman said. "Some thought there were two Gods, a good and a bad one; some thought there were even more."

James Robinson, who has edited other alternative gospels recovered in modern times, thinks the newly announced one is being oversold. Such discoveries, however initially exciting, usually wind up as footnotes rather than radically revising religious tradition, he said.

"The ring is more classy than the thing," Robinson said. "It's going to be a dud."

There could be a hint of sour grapes in that forecast. Robinson was the first

scholar offered a chance to publish the text but couldn't redeem the opportunity.

"In 1983, I was told that the manuscript could be examined by a student of mine in Geneva, Switzerland, but only for 30 minutes," he said. "It was obvious the stuff had been smuggled out. I tried by hook or crook over the next decade to raise the money they wanted for it."

The asking price was \$3 million, and negotiations led Robinson to furtive meetings in an Athens hotel to set up still other meetings in New York that, in the end, never came through. Eventually, the manuscript was transferred to a bank vault on Long Island, where the delicate leaves deteriorated over 16 years. Before it could be published, the National Geographic Society noted, fragments had to be put back together like pieces of a priceless jigsaw puzzle.

In 2000, the gospel was acquired by a Zurich dealer who couldn't find a buyer, presumably because of increasing sensitivity by collectors and museums to the issue of art and antiquities with questionable provenances. So the National Geographic Society partnered with a Swiss foundation to publish the text, while the manuscript is to be returned to Egypt.

The financial arrangements were not disclosed, but Shanks was told National Geographic put up more than \$1 million

— which it will seemingly try to recoup through book sales and a film version of the manuscript's scholarly detective story.

Shanks noted that although the twisted history of the manuscript's modern travels raises ethical questions, he thinks they are outweighed by the potential gain to scholarship.

"If we insist on a high road to morality that forbids us to have anything to do with dirty fingers, we won't get the stuff scholars need to understand the background of the Bible," Shanks said.

Carbon-dating of the Judas gospel shows that the manuscript, 13 sheets with writing on both sides, dates to between 220 and 340 AD. The text itself probably goes back to an earlier version written in Greek, the common language of educated classes in the Eastern Mediterranean world at that time.

Scholars reason the work had to have been composed before about 180 AD, when a Christian bishop, Irenaeus of Lyon, denounced those he considered heretics for honoring Judas' memory: "And they bring forth a fabricated work to this effect, which they entitle the Gospel of Judas."

Robinson notes that Irenaeus wrote in an era when different Christian communities still had different scriptures, through which they justified their beliefs by tracing them back to the disciples and apostles.

That, he thinks, tells us something about whoever wrote and read the newly available Judas gospel.

"They used Judas to vindicate their gnosticism," he said. "The gnostics believed that there was a bad God who made the world and a good God who sends an emissary so they can ascend to heaven."

Gnosticism — the word comes from the Greek for "knowing" — was an approach to religion that stressed mystical knowledge as the way to salvation. Eventually, it was driven out of orthodox Christianity, which held that belief was the route to heaven, Robinson said, and the accepted canon of the New Testament was fixed.

Scholars hope one thing may prove true: The new version of the story could help mend fences between Christians and Jews. For centuries, Judas has symbolized Jews' rejection of Jesus.

"That has been the elephant in the room," said Shanks. "The Judas story has been the basis for an enormous amount of anti-Semitism."

But what about the possibility that the new story may change the common view of Judas? The Rev. Donald Senior, president of the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, was skeptical.

"I could be proven wrong," said Senior. "If so, I hope Judas will forgive me when my time comes."

Second case against Hussein, five co-defendants will likely begin in coming months

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will present formal charges against the defendants, the defense will get the opportunity to present its case, and closing arguments will be made.

The verdict could come in June or July, said a U.S. diplomat working closely with the Iraqi Special Tribunal.

Earlier this week, the tribunal announced that a second case against Saddam and five other co-defendants has been referred to a trial judge and would probably start in the coming months.

In that case, Saddam and Ali Hassan Majid, also known as "Chemical Ali," are accused of genocide and crimes against humanity for systematic annihilation of tens of thousands of Kurds in northern Iraq in the late 1980s in a bloody operation that included chemical weapons.

The four other defendants are accused only of crimes against humanity.

The U.S. diplomat, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to speak for the Iraqi court, said that, legally, the Dujail case and the genocide case could be tried concurrently. But due to logistical reasons, the genocide case is not likely to start until after the Dujail trial is completed.

Al-Bandar was on edge through much of Thursday's court session and repeatedly raised his hand and stood up to counter what prosecutors and the judge were saying. At one point, Judge al-Rahman told al-Bandar that he must "calm down" and that he was worried the elderly defendant looked tired.

The former Revolutionary Court judge stood firmly behind his argument that the executions were within the law

and the necessity of dealing with "traitors" who were working with the black-listed Dawa Party, a Shiite opposition group that had ties to Iran. At the time of the incident, Iraq and Iran were in the midst of a war that ran from 1980 to 1988. Al-Bandar added that all the executed men confessed to their crimes.

Chief prosecutor Jaafar al-Moussawi noted that some of the executed were very young and pointed out the identity card of one young person, whose age was listed as only 15.

"He was a minor ... and he was tried and sentenced to death by the Revolutionary Court," he said.

Al-Bandar said that no minors were executed. Al-Bandar said that he asked the defendants their ages. If there were any question, he would send them to doctors for a medical examination to determine their ages.

He also said that many of the suspects had forged identification with misrepresented ages. Such identification was common, he said, as young men were trying to avoid military service.

There was also heated debate about documents that were presented by the prosecution to bolster its case. The documents appeared to be lists of the accused as well as the verdicts against the defendants.

Al-Bandar and his defense team complained that the prosecution was withholding files that contain evidence and other information that would prove al-Bandar was acting within the law.

The prosecution countered that they have shared all the evidence they have collected with the defense.

The court was adjourned until Apr. 12.

Wafd, other parties face uphill battle

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Mubarak and Noman Gomaa. They both want to stay in power forever," said Emad Gad, an Egyptian political analyst.

The fragmenting of the venerable Wafd Party was the nastiest recent Cairo political dispute, but other opposition groups have battles of their own.

The leader of the Tagammu Party, which blends Marxism and pan-Arab nationalism, managed to retain his seat after a similar succession quarrel. Ayman Nour, the Ghad Party leader who came in a distant second to Mubarak in last year's presidential elections, is serving a five-year prison term on disputed charges that he forged signatures to form his party. The pan-Arab Nasserists, the traditionally liberal Al Ahrar Party and the Labor Party are all in turmoil. Al Karama, an offshoot of the Nasserist group, isn't even recognized as a party because the government deemed its ideology too radical.

Even the Muslim Brotherhood, the influential Islamist group that projects an image of orderliness and unity, is quietly settling internal rumblings. Brotherhood leaders expressed sadness at the state of other opposition parties, but acknowledged that they

benefit when the secular opposition crumbles.

"The government is responsible for this chaos," said Essam el Erian, a spokesman for the Muslim Brotherhood. "It has become so hard to get a license to establish a party that all the party heads cling to their positions despite internal differences."

Wafd, which means delegation, traces its name to a group of Egyptian political activists who were instrumental in ending Britain's presence in Egypt in the early 20th century. For decades, the Wafd Party enjoyed wide popular support until all political parties were disbanded under former Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser's revolution in 1952. Although the Wafd re-emerged in the late 1970s, it's never been able to recoup the influence or power of its heyday.

With the government's pressure on opposition parties and the recent shootout, the Wafd and other parties face an uphill battle to make their voices heard in Egyptian politics.

"There is an immense responsibility on our shoulders," said Mounir Abdelnour, a senior member of the Wafd Party. "We need to restore our image, the perception of the public and the institutions of our party."

Fox's failure has become campaign issue

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only issue of the Fox administration from the first," said Jesus Velasco, a political scientist at Mexico's CIDE, a prominent social science research institute.

Fox's failure — and that of his predecessors — to win a major immigration agreement has become a campaign issue. Lopez Obrador cites the lack of movement as a reason to support his candidacy.

Calderon's advisers say that Lopez Obrador, a former mayor of Mexico City who's the only one of the three candidates who didn't study in the United States, isn't experienced enough to deal with U.S. officials.

"He better understand how the U.S. society works and clicks to be able to protect the 8 million undocumented Mexicans in the United States," Sarukhan said.

The fact that immigration issues are playing only a small part in Mexico's presidential campaign may be symptomatic of a lack of interest in the July 2 election among Mexicans who are in the United States.

A Pew Hispanic Center poll in February found that fewer than half of Mexicans in the U.S. were aware of the election. Only 35,000 of the millions of Mexicans in the United States have registered to vote absentee under a new law that allows it.



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Thomas Franck has been President of the American Society of International Law, and Editor-in-Chief of the American Journal of International Law. The author of more than 20 books (most recently *Recourse to Force: State Action Against Threats and Armed Attacks*) and a two time Guggenheim Fellowship winner, he has been awarded the Read Medal by the Canadian Council on International Law for distinction in the study and advancement of the field, and the Christopher Medal for his book, *Resignation in Protest*. The American Society of International Law has awarded him a Certificate of Merit for four of his books (including *Nation Against Nation: What Happened to the UN Dream and What the US Can Do About It; Political Questions/Judicial Answers: Does the Rule of Law Apply to Foreign Affairs?*). Prof. Franck received his B.A. and LL.B. from the University of British Columbia, his LL.M. and S.J.D. from Harvard University, and several honorary degrees.

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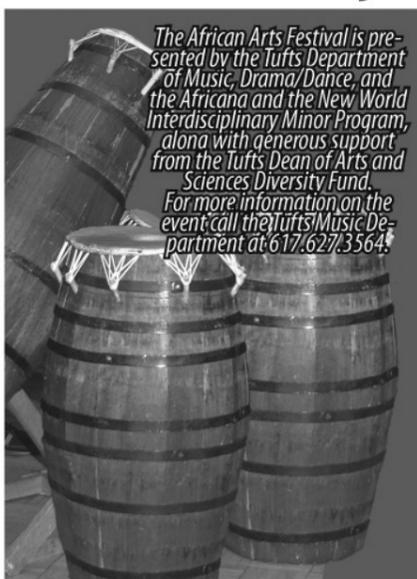


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Williams is next conference foe for Jumbos

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But Bowdoin senior attacker Tom McKinley responded with a goal two minutes later, cushioning the Polar Bears with a three-goal lead entering the half.

The McKinley strike roused the Tufts offense, which hammered out 21 shots in the second quarter but was hampered by its inability to finish in front of the net, as Cavallo's score was the only one for the Jumbos before halftime.

"We definitely were shooting a lot at the beginning, but our shots just weren't falling," said senior midfielder Mike O'Brien.

The Polar Bears spent the first five minutes of the third quarter in Tufts territory before the Jumbos were finally able to gain possession. Bowdoin's dominance paid off eight minutes in, as junior attacker Matt Chadwick put the Polar Bears up 5-1.

Freshman midfielder Chase Bibby ignited the Jumbo offense at the 5:50 mark when a quick dodge left him with an open shot on Legg. O'Brien, who had seven shot attempts in the game, capitalized on the Jumbos momentum, tallying his own unassisted goal with 4:01 left in the third to narrow the gap to 5-3.

McKinley cut the Jumbos' offensive run short, netting his second goal past freshman goaltender Matt Harrigan with 1:10 remaining in the period for a 6-3 Polar Bear lead going into the final frame.

Tufts wasted no time mounting a comeback. O'Brien fired first with

a perfectly placed corner shot with 12:11 remaining, and senior co-captain and leading scorer Billy Granger followed suit three minutes later, narrowing the score to 6-5 with 9:30 left in the game.

At that point, the Bowdoin defense shifted from a man-to-man-defense to a zone to better manage the Jumbos surge in intensity, and no further shots found their way to the back of the Bowdoin net.

"I was disappointed with our shooting overall," coach Mike Daly said. "We did generate a lot of shots, but we need to do a better job getting the ball on net."

A failed Tufts attempted defensive clear at the 7:22 mark opened the door, and the Polar Bears capitalized with a beautiful crease roll and score by senior attacker and quad-captain Connor Fitzgerald, the team's leading points-scorer (11 goals, 21 assists).

Harrigan recorded eight saves in the game, with five of them coming in the first quarter as the Polar Bears came out firing. Throughout the game, he faced consistent shooting by the Bowdoin team, which logged 29 shots overall.

The Tufts defense made all of its clear attempts in the first half, but failed in six of their 15 attempts in the second half. On defense, the failure to clear successfully, coupled with poor shooting on the offensive end, hurt the Jumbo squad.

"Our weaker points were definitely on the transition between offense and defense," O'Brien said. "We had a tough time getting the ball out of the defense sometimes."

Although Tufts led the game with 40 shot attempts, only a few were quality shots. Bowdoin had four different penalties, giving Tufts four man-up advantages, but the team was unable to cash in on any of them.

"Bowdoin is a very talented team and they outplayed us today," Daly said. "We have a great deal of respect for them, but we did not match their intensity and that is the responsibility of the coaches. I did not prepare the team well enough and we were apparently not ready for this game."

With the win, Bowdoin moved into second place in the league standings, behind 5-0 Bates. The loss dropped Tufts to a tie for third, and gave the Jumbos some ground to make up in league play.

"It was definitely a big game, but all NESCAC games are," O'Brien said. "It didn't set us back as we're looking forward to the Williams game [on Saturday], as they are a pretty similar team with a lot of good athletes and good speed."

Williams has a conference record of 1-2 and an overall record of 3-3. Though Tufts is ranked higher than Williams, last year's close 13-10 loss to the Ephs will assure that the Jumbos do not underestimate the team.

"Williams will be a great test for us in that it will demonstrate how we respond to adversity," Coach Daly said. "Williams beat us last year and we have respect for their team, but we need to focus on Tufts and everything we are and aren't doing right now. Williams is the only team that can hurt us right now."

O'Brien earns bragging rights

BRACKET

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This method created a tremendous amount of variety in the brackets, and found some players picking upsets that few of even the most avid college hoops fans saw coming.

This year's perfect bracket, according to "underdog" scoring, would have yielded 383 points. The highest recorded total in the overall competition was 256 points, achieved by both sophomore Amanda LaBlanc of the **University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee** and freshman Steven Kester of **Southeastern Oklahoma State University**.

Not surprisingly, among the school rankings, all of the Final Four teams finished in the top 20 in the school total rankings, led by Florida. Seven Floridian schools scored in the top 20 overall, while Cinderella **George Mason** had to settle for fourth place.

This year's Tufts winner was sophomore Maria O'Brien, whose great early-round picks allowed her to jump into the lead and hold on for the title, finishing with 137 points.

"It was my first time ever doing a bracket," O'Brien said. "I was invited into a pool by [sophomore] Meredith Pickett, and just decided to do it. I'm not really into sports, and wasn't really sure what I was doing."

Despite a professed inexperience, and perhaps aided by beginner's luck, O'Brien picked several key upsets early in the tournament, including **Northwestern State** over **Iowa**, **Montana** over **Nevada**, **Bradley** over **Kansas** and **Pittsburgh**, and **Georgetown** over **Ohio State**. She also was one of the few people not attending **George Mason** to advance the Patriots to the Elite Eight.

O'Brien cruised to victory on the points she earned from her early predictions, as none of her Final Four choices - **Air Force**, **Xavier**, **Texas A&M** and **Georgetown** - managed to make it to the national semifinal round.

"I had no idea about the 'underdog' scoring system and basically picked schools that I knew," O'Brien said. "I used to live in Fairfax, [Virginia] so I picked George Mason. I picked Xavier because the name sounded cool. I didn't watch any of the games, and didn't know I was winning until Meredith told me."

Although O'Brien fell short of the grand prize of a flat-screen television, she has gained a year's worth of bragging rights from the entire school. Will she defend her title next year?

"If somebody invites me into a pool next year, I'd do it again and use the same logic," O'Brien said. "In any sport, the results are so arbitrary. Anything can happen."

European Championship is something new

SWASEY

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house would be if the Red Sox were in such an important game. I realized that, for some of the spectators, soccer is the main sport in their home country. Ironically and fittingly, it took a soccer game from Italy, broadcast on an afternoon between baseball's Opening Day and the Masters, to remind me of the special multicultural environment offered by university life.

The game itself was a lesson in contrasting styles. Although the stature and prominence of Juventus and Arsenal affords them the ability to procure the best players from around the world, the teams hail from two different countries — Italy and England — and therefore reflect the characteristics of their nation's strategy and method of play.

Like its American cousin, English soccer typically employs longer passes and crosses which get the

ball off the frequently rain-soaked field and into the air. Italian soccer is often marked by shorter passes and an emphasis on possession. In this particular game, the second leg of the two team's Champions League quarterfinal matchup, neither style proved superior, as both sides had chances but played to a scoreless draw. Arsenal, however, advanced to a semifinal match against Villarreal of Spain, by virtue of a 2-0 win over Juventus in the first leg of the quarterfinal a week earlier.

The other half of the semifinals, which will begin in two weeks, features a highly anticipated showdown between AC Milan and Barcelona. Milan is second in Italian's Serie A and Barcelona is atop the Spanish Premier League. Both sides feature deep overall rosters as well as offensive superstars, such as Andriy Shevchenko of Milan, the 2004 recipient of the Ballon d'or, an award recognizing the best European foot-

baller of the year, and Barcelona's Ronaldinho, the 2005 FIFA World Player of the Year and 2005 Ballon d'or winner. The winners of these semifinals will square off to determine the top European club.

The purpose of college is not only to gain a degree that will facilitate career possibilities, but also to take the opportunity to widen viewpoints and to experience new people, places, and things. Tufts' own Web site offers a vision statement which articulates the desire to create well-rounded individuals and also speaks to the value of creating a community "where differences are understood and respected."

While I can't deny that the prospect of a new baseball season and the hope of a thrilling Masters get me excited every year, I think it's vital to take in and appreciate the lessons diversity can teach us, in both the sports world and life in general.

WNBA now in tenth season

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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Exhibition Center less than 24 hours after Maryland completed its astonishing 13-point comeback victory. Additionally, on the same day as the championship game, Emerson College hosted the WNBA pre-draft camp, showcasing the top prospects of 2006. This was the first time that the draft and pre-draft camp were held in the Final Four city and with such close proximity to the conclusion of the NCAA season.

Having little time to recuperate from her losses, LSU's Seimone Augustus was the No. 1 draft pick; she went to the Minnesota Lynx. Rutgers' dynamic guard Cappie Poindexter went No. 2 to the Phoenix Mercury, and Duke guard Monique Currie, still facing pointed questions about the Blue Devils' loss to Maryland in the championship game, was the No. 3 pick, drafted by the Charlotte Sting.

The draft was only the beginning for WNBA promotions in 2006. In honor of its 10th season, the league will select an All-Decade Team and the 10 Greatest Moments in its history. It will also launch a season-long campaign, "10 Years of Caring," in which the teams will demonstrate their ongoing commitment to local communities. Each team will host a themed-game to celebrate the milestone.

"This celebration marks the accomplishments of our past and embraces our vision for the future," said WNBA President Donna Orender at a press conference at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. "We are so thankful for all of those who paved the way and contributed so much, and for the ongoing support of the current generation of players, coaches and executives as well as our business partners and fans with whom we will take this league into the future."

AROUND THE NESAC

Diaper dandies breaking out big in spring season

BY ANDREW SILVER
Daily Editorial Board

Freshmen have had an enormous impact on a number of Tufts teams this spring, but the first-year wave isn't a Medford phenomenon. There have been a number of athletes starring in their first collegiate seasons throughout the NESAC.

Tufts softball has been helped along this spring by a number of freshmen, including first baseman and power hitter Cara Hovhanessian, speedsters Laura Chapman, Roni Herbst and Samantha Kuhles, and pitcher Lauren Gelmetti.

Brian McDonough's three home runs have made an impact for the baseball team this spring, and goalies Matt Harrigan and Gillian Kline have been a big part of the men's and women's lacrosse teams' early-season success.

Perhaps the biggest impact by a diaper-dandy this spring has been made by Amherst third baseman Brendan Powers, who has helped the Lord Jeffs to a 10-4-1 start. Powers is batting .447 with two home runs and 15 RBI, and took home NESAC co-Player of the Week honors last week (along with Tufts first baseman Bryan McDavitt) with 12 of his 15 RBI on this season in the four-game stretch.

While Powers was only 6-for-14 on the week, he also walked five times, and reached base safely in 11 consecutive plate appearances. Both of his home runs on the season came last week, and both were enormous. Powers hit a three-run shot last Thursday in an 18-6 triumph over Westfield State and followed it on Friday with a grand slam in the Lord Jeffs' 24-3 rout of Wesleyan.

Also at Amherst, the men's lacrosse team has had its expectations bolstered on account of the play of a freshman net-minder. Although the Jeffs are only off to a 2-4 start, freshman goalie Matt Pietroforte has 33 saves in the team's last three games. His best performances of the season came on Saturday in a 10-9 Amherst win over Colby, when he posted 17 saves. Pietroforte also held tough last Wednesday in a 9-8 loss to Tufts, making nine saves.

While the Bates softball team has a mediocre 5-5 record heading into the NESAC schedule, it has reason to be excited about its future. Freshman catcher Stacia Saniuk is currently second in the conference in batting with a .469 average. Saniuk also has two home runs and 10 RBI in the Bobcats' first 10 contests this spring. Saniuk helped Bates split a doubleheader with Maine-Farmington last Saturday, when she went 4-for-6 with one of her home runs along with a double, two RBI, two runs scored, and two walks.

On the baseball diamond, a freshman has also been the story for the 4-6 Bates team. Pitcher Benjamin Schwartz has recorded two starts this season, winning both of them. Thus far, he has a 1.86 ERA with six strikeouts on the young season. Against Maine-Farmington last Tuesday, Schwartz gave up only one run and three hits in five innings of work in a 7-3 Bates victory.

At Williams, freshman Britt Spackman has helped the women's lacrosse team to their 5-2 start this spring. Spackman leads the team with 15 assists and is third in goals with 18 for a total of 33 points thus far. As of Apr. 3, Spackman was fourth in the NESAC in assists per game and 10th in the conference in goals per game.

In the Ephs' 13-5 triumph over Wesleyan last Saturday, Spackman paced her team with three goals and four assists.

The one bright spot in Hamilton's 1-11 start to the softball season has been the play of first-year catcher Amber O'Connor. She is leading her team in almost every offensive statistical category with a .436 batting average, two home runs, seven RBI, two doubles, three triples, and 10 runs scored.

Despite being swept by Middlebury in a doubleheader last Sunday, O'Connor went 6-for-7 on the day with a home run, a triple, three runs scored, and three RBI.

With so many freshman standouts this early in the season who are on pace to improve, competition is sure to pick up as the NESAC enters the heart of the conference schedule.

Phoenix's Nagy rehabbing knee for next year

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to move more easily. I definitely like the new rules."

Nagy isn't the only smaller player to have an impact this season.

The Buffalo Sabres turned it on in the second half of the season, led by 5'9" Derek Roy and 5'10" Daniel Briere. The New Jersey Devils are on pace for another playoff run, led by 5'7" Brian Gionta's 75 points. The Nashville Predators' second leading scorer is Steve Sullivan at 5'8", and they are currently fourth in the West. The Atlanta Thrashers are pushing for a playoff spot, led by 91 points from 5'10" Marc Savard. Most of the playoff contenders are led by these faster players that are able to use the newly created space to their distinct advantage.

Phoenix is currently in 12th place in the Western Conference and 11 points back from San Jose, who clings to the eighth and final playoff spot. With six games left on its schedule, that leaves the team on the brink of mathematical elimination from the playoffs.

The Coyotes started off the year on an exciting note, as the Great One and team president Wayne Gretzky announced that he would become the head coach.

"It is really exciting because he's the best player, you know?" Nagy said. "He helped a lot of guys play better because of what he knows. For him, everyone wants to play their best hockey."

Gretzky's knowledge of the game is unquestionable, but the average age of a Coyote is only 27.



Phoenix's Ladislav Nagy (17) shoots on Washington goalie Olie Kolzig (37) in a game on Jan. 7, 2004. Nagy is second on the 2005-2006 Phoenix teams in points, despite being sidelined since late January with a knee injury.

They are easily one of the youngest teams in the league, and are led by 34-year old center Mike Ricci and the 38-year old goaltender Curtis Joseph.

"It's a little bit tough because we're all so young and haven't been able to play together for very long," Nagy said. "Give us two or three years together and we'll be a very good team."

"Mike and Cujo are very helpful," Nagy continued. "They bring the excitement to the game. Cujo, he plays so well and Mike Ricci is our leader. In the locker room, Cujo's kind of quiet, but Mike Ricci initiates all the excitement."

Nagy also offered some comments on the playoff contenders.

"It's really hard to say because so many clubs have so many good players," Nagy said. "Every team

at the top is full of talent, and it's very hard to say who could win. I really like the way Nashville plays. Philadelphia is really good, and I like their chances of winning a lot. I was very impressed when we played them."

Nagy is already thinking about next season and preparing himself for another Coyote run at the playoffs.

"I'm definitely going to try to play my best hockey," he said. "I want to improve on what I've done this year and show everyone that my knee is better. I want to come back stronger than before."

In 51 games this season, Nagy tallied 56 points in what would have been his most productive season to date. He is one of the many dominant players under six feet in a smaller, faster NHL.

SCHEDULE | April 3 - April 9

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
Baseball					@ Bowdoin 3:00 p.m.	@ Bowdoin (2) 12:00 p.m.	
Softball						Bowdoin (2) 1:00 p.m.	@ Wheaton vs. Wheaton 11:00 vs. West. Conn. 1:00
Men's Lacrosse						Williams 3:00 p.m.	
Women's Lacrosse						Colby 11:30 p.m.	
Men's Tennis					Bowdoin 3:00 p.m.		Wheaton 1:00 p.m.
Women's Tennis							
Jumbocast						Women's Lacrosse 11:30 Men's Lacrosse 3:00	

STATISTICS | STANDINGS

Men's Lacrosse NESAC Standings as of Apr. 6, 2006

Team	NESAC		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Bates	5	0	9	0
Bowdoin	3	0	6	2
Middlebury	2	1	3	3
Tufts	2	1	6	2
Wesleyan	2	1	7	1
Williams	1	2	3	3
Amherst	1	3	2	3
Conn College	1	3	2	5
Trinity	1	3	4	3
Colby	0	4	2	5

Women's Lacrosse NESAC Standings as of Apr. 5, 2006

Team	NESAC		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Middlebury	3	0	5	1
Tufts	2	0	6	0
Bowdoin	2	1	7	1
Colby	2	1	5	1
Wesleyan	2	1	7	2
Trinity	1	1	4	3
Williams	1	2	4	2
Amherst	0	1	3	1
Bates	0	2	4	2
Conn College	0	4	2	6

Baseball NESAC Standings as of Apr. 3, 2006

Team	NESAC		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
NESAC East	3	0	11	4
Tufts	2	1	10	6
Trinity	1	2	10	4
Bowdoin	0	0	5	4
Colby	0	3	4	6
Bates	0	3	4	6
NESAC West	2	0	10	4
Amherst	2	1	6	5
Middlebury	1	2	13	6
Williams	0	2	6	8
Wesleyan	0	0	5	9
Hamilton	0	0	5	9

Softball NESAC Standings

Team	NESAC		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
NESAC East	0	0	5	5
Bates	0	0	7	11
Bowdoin	0	0	2	8
Colby	0	0	11	2
Trinity	0	0	9	8
Tufts	0	0	9	8
NESAC West	0	0	9	4
Amherst	0	0	6	6
Middlebury	0	0	10	8
Williams	0	0	1	11
Hamilton	0	0	5	13
Wesleyan	0	0	5	13

USILA Div. III Men's Lacrosse as of Apr. 3, 2006

Ranking, team (No. 1 votes)

- Salisbury (15)
- Lynchburg
- Gettysburg
- Roanoke
- Nazareth
- SUNY Cortland
- RIT
- Dickinson

15. Tufts

Div. III Women's Lacrosse as of Mar. 27, 2006

Ranking, team (No. 1 votes)

- Salisbury (13)
- Middlebury
- SUNY Cortland
- The College of New Jersey
- Gettysburg
- Bowdoin
- Amherst
- Franklin & Marshall

Also receiving votes: Tufts (24 points)

Men's Lacrosse

	G	A	P
Billy Granger	10	8	18
Mark Warner	7	8	15
Mike O'Brien	6	6	12
Michael Hughes	8	1	9
Chris Connelly	6	0	6
Brett Holm	5	1	6
Rory Doucette	3	2	5
Connor Ginsberg	3	1	4
Casey D'Annolfo	2	1	3
Dane Carillo	1	2	3
Chase Bibby	2	0	2
Matt Lanuto	2	0	2
Joe Cavallo	2	0	2
Goaltending	GA	Sa	Sa%
Matt Harrigan	49	93	.655

Women's Lacrosse

	G	A	P
Dena Miller	17	7	24
Lauren Murphy	11	8	19
Alyssa Corbett	12	5	17
Sarah Williams	7	8	15
Bretlyn Curtis	8	5	13
Maya Shoham	6	7	13
Meredith Harris	5	5	10
Christine Attura	5	3	8
Courtney Thomas	4	2	6
Jackie Thomas	3	0	3
Caitlin Friedensohn	1	1	3
Pentz/Frisina	1	1	2
Goaltending	GA	Sa	Sa%
Gillian Kline	33	25	.431
Tracy Rittenour	6	4	.400

Baseball

	BA	HR	RBI	
Bryan McDavitt	.518	0	16	
Jim O'Leary	.500	1	11	
Nick Curato	.417	0	10	
Brian McDonough	.400	3	17	
Brian Casey	.358	0	9	
Kyle Backstrom	.356	0	14	
Greg Chertok	.354	0	7	
Kevin Casey	.333	0	6	
Ben Chang	.280	0	4	
Chris Decemberle	.245	1	8	
Pitching	W	L	ERA	SO
Derek Rice	3	1	1.86	9
Zak Smotherman	2	0	1.23	23
Erik Johanson	0	0	0.87	6
Ben Simon	3	1	3.09	16

Softball

	BA	HR	RBI	
Danielle Lopez	.418	7	23	
Samatha Kuhles	.400	0	5	
Cara Hovhanessian	.387	2	16	
Maya Ripecky	.333	1	2	
Laura Chapman	.326	0	1	
Erica Bailey	.300	1	8	
Mara Dodson	.293	0	8	
Heather Kleinberger	.280	0	12	
Megan Cusick	.250	0	7	
Annie Ross	.154	0	6	
Pitching	W	L	ERA	SO
Sarah Conroy	3	2	2.50	23
Julia Brenta	2	2	3.97	15
Lauren Gelmetti	3	1	4.50	21
Erica Bailey	2	3	4.26	27

Div. III Baseball as of Apr. 3, 2006

Ranking, team (No. 1 votes)

- Emory (26-2)
- Wooster (21-3)
- The College of New Jersey (15-2)
- SUNY Cortland (16-4)
- St. Scholastica (18-2)
- Rowan (16-4)
- Chapman (19-7)
- Mary Washington
- Tufts (11-4)

Jumbos sweep Bridgewater State, extend winning streak

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Lopez crushed the ball deep to left-center for her third home run of the game, capping off a 6-for-8 performance that included the three blasts, five RBI and 15 total bases.

The walk-off shot gave the softball team its eighth straight win and completed a sweep of Bridgewater State in the non-conference doubleheader on Thursday, 10-5 and 6-3.

It wasn't the first time that Lopez has burnt Gambino.

Exactly 364 days ago, Tufts faced Bridgewater State in another doubleheader.

The Jumbos won those two games by a run each, fueled by — you guessed it — three home runs by Lopez.

Two were off of Gambino.

Lopez was named the NESCAC Player of the Week on Monday for her seven hits and five RBI during the Jumbos' five wins last week, and she defended the title.

The sophomore now has seven home runs and 28 hits on the season, and is batting a team-best .418 with an astronomical .761 slugging percentage.

"Danielle has phenomenal hitting skills," coach Cheryl Milligan said. "I'm glad she's on our side. She has a great mindset at the plate that helps her to be very, very effective and very clutch."

The Jumbos needed that clutch hitting in game two of the doubleheader. Despite 12 strikeouts and no walks from sophomore Erica Bailey (2-3), slower bats and two unearned runs took the game down to the wire against the Bears, who looked to split the doubleheader after a 10-5 loss in the opener.

Tufts took an early 2-0 lead in the first inning on Lopez's first shot, a Bridgewater error, and an RBI double from Bailey. The Bears countered with a home run in the second, but Lopez' second dinger gave the Jumbos their largest lead of the game, a short-lived 3-1 advantage.

Tufts led 3-2 going into the sixth when Bridgewater rallied to tie. Two infield singles, two groundouts, and a passed ball put runners at second and third with two outs.

Freshman Lindsay Estes bunted down the third baseline for what should have been an easy third out at the plate. Junior third baseman Sarah Taylor fielded the ball, but in the ensuing pickle, dropped the ball at third to let in the unearned run.

After the Jumbos' failed to score in the bottom of the sixth and Bailey struck out the side in the top of the seventh, the stage was set for Lopez.

Singles by freshmen speedsters Roni Herbst and Samantha Kuhles put runners on first and second and Lopez, who had now already gone deep twice in the game, smashed a pitch over the fence to win the game for Tufts.

"I was just doing my job the best I could," said Lopez, "I never try to hit home runs; I just swing for solid contact and hope for the best."

Bailey, supported by Lopez's offensive performance, had a solid day on the mound,



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With the Jumbos up 3-2 in the fourth inning of the second game, freshman Megan Foley lays down a sacrifice that moved freshman Maya Ripecki to second. Foley played the entire second game at shortstop as the Jumbos completed the sweep of Bridgewater

going the distance while giving up just a single earned run. Her 12 strikeouts nearly matched her total on the season and included the three big ones in the top of the seventh that swung the momentum back to Tufts.

Backing up Bailey was a standout defensive performance from freshman Maya Ripecki, who made two diving catches in right field. The first, in the top of the fourth, kept two runs from scoring and preserved the one-run Tufts lead.

"Defense always helps a pitcher," said Bailey. "Great defense can really pick someone up."

The final-inning heroics of the second game followed a fairly comfortable Tufts 10-5 win in the opener, though it was certainly not the Jumbos' prettiest game this year.

A mangled first inning set the tone early. With two runners on base, freshman Cara Hovhanessian's single turned into an inning-ending double play, as junior Annie Ross was thrown out at home trying to score from second, and Bridgewater sophomore catcher Lindsay Allison caught Lopez in a rundown between second and third.

The Jumbos' base-running woes, which have accounted for lost runs and easy outs all season, continued in the fifth, when Lopez was called out on an attempted steal for leaving while the ball was in the pitcher's circle.

And while only two Tufts errors were recorded in the stat book, defensive miscues and miscommunications gave away some bases and set up some dangerous situations, like the one that loaded the bases for the Bears in the fifth with one out. Senior hurler Julia Brenta turned in two of her six strikeouts to hold Bridgewater to one run.

"As a young team we're going to make mistakes, but we just don't want one to turn into two, or two to turn into three," Milligan

said. "I'm happy we won. We had enough solid offense and defense to withstand a few errors, and we always say, 'to bend, but not to break.'"

The Jumbos overcame these mistakes and a scoreless first three innings by putting together ten runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings. The team's firepower centered around Lopez, who was 3-for-4 in the game, Hovhanessian, who turned in a 3-for-3 performance with a walk, and sophomore catcher Megan Cusick, who went 2-for-4 for the game with three RBI.

The Jumbos were down 3-0 early as Brenta struggled with her control, hitting two batters and walking one in the first two innings. She settled in, however, coming up with two big strikeouts in the fifth and another in the seventh. She pitched all seven innings, giving up six hits and four earned runs to move to an even 2-2 on the season.

Tufts' main rally occurred in the fourth, as consecutive singles by Lopez, Hovhanessian and Bailey, an RBI double from Cusick, and an RBI groundout from senior co-captain Jess Barrett gave the Jumbos a 4-3 lead. Bridgewater pulled even in the top of the fifth off sophomore Danielle Trull-Donahue's RBI single, but the tie did not last for long, as Tufts scored three in both the fifth and the sixth innings to put the game out of reach.

Lopez' incredible power hitting and a few brilliant plays from the Tufts field were enough to pull out two wins and keep the team's momentum alive. Bailey's description of her own pitching performance — not her most consistent or most un-hittable, but bolstered by some spectacular at-bats — sums up the entire team's performance in the doubleheader.

"I actually felt better [in the 4-1 win over] Williams [on Sunday], but if they want to swing at my junk, that's great," Bailey said.

BEN SWASEY | FROM WAY DOWN TOWN



Un-American Activities

Contrary to popular belief in the post-Anchorman world, diversity is not an old, old wooden ship used in the Civil War era, but rather a condition of heterogeneity or variety.

Too often, we are buried under homework or squeezed into familiar party scenes, and we miss the diverse environment here at Tufts. Regrettably, too many of the illuminating multicultural events listed in this paper or on TuftsLife go by the wayside because our routine duties take center stage.

In the world of sports, this topic is currently relevant. Last weekend, America's pastime, baseball, exercised its seasonal introduction, and began its epic journey to the World Series. And yesterday, "A Tradition unlike Any Other," (as CBS has called it), the Masters Golf Tournament, kicked off its opening round: two behemoths on the sports calendar, and two wholly American events. And with the culmination of March Madness, in which any Cinderella team can follow Horatio Alger's American Dream and rise to the top, patriotism seems to be the sporting theme of this past fortnight in sports.

However, quietly tucked in between the opening of the American sport with the greatest history (baseball) and the tournament which has long been a symbol of exclusionary and elite white male society (the Masters), Europe offers a wonderful example of cultural and athletic diversity.

Foolishly, or naively, I think that I am one of the few European soccer fans around. I read recaps of contests online, and try to catch Italian Serie A matches on Sundays on our Channel 9, (which, although announced in Italian, I highly recommend). Maybe I am trying to prove my sports elitism by dropping names of the top strikers in Europe; I don't know.

With these ignorant thoughts in mind, I marched from class to the campus center on Wednesday, hoping to catch the end of one of the UEFA Champions League Quarterfinal games, this one between Juventus and Arsenal. When I arrived, I found both TVs surrounded by crowds of engrossed viewers.

Looking around, I noticed a diverse collection of soccer enthusiasts. Certainly some of these people could be watching their home teams in action. Imagine how crowded the

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WOMEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

Boston a launching point for women's ball

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Daily Editorial Board

Just over a decade ago, Maryland freshman Kristi Toliver's three-point shot with 6.1 seconds remaining in Monday's NCAA women's basketball championship game would have sparked only peripheral interest in most Boston sports fans.

Even as women's college basketball has gained national momentum and popularity, this trend has not been reflected in Boston, known for its professional sports franchises and home to largely academic and Div. III colleges.

The past weekend's Final Four festivities certainly revealed a changing attitude toward the sport: Boston has done a complete 180 over the past few years, and that transformation was completed when the city became a sort of Mecca of women's hoops this weekend.

Despite the early exit of Connecticut and Tennessee — the two goliaths largely responsible for the game's growth and popular-

ity — and the lack of local players on the remaining rosters, all Final Four games were played in front of packed houses. The title game sold 18,642 tickets alone, drawing more fans than any Boston Celtics game this year, and television ratings were up 19 percent from last year.

As many as 2.77 million households across the nation tuned into the game, a sizable increase from the 2.37 million who watched last year. In its 11th year covering the tournament, ESPN averaged a 1.48 rating, the second highest in the network's history.

Women's basketball reached its greatest heights in 2004 when it averaged 3.8 million household viewers for the championship game between UConn and Tennessee, the second highest rating for any game on ESPN ever.

The NCAA has been working to increase exposure and interest in the women's game for the past several years. In an attempt to rescue it from the shadows of the men's game and place it in its own spotlight, the NCAA sched-

uled the announcement of brackets for a Monday night this year, rather than on the coattails of the men's traditional announcement on Selection Sunday.

"Selection Monday expands our commitment to the women's game by seizing an entire day to focus on the sport's most exciting time of the year across multiple ESPN entities," said Carol Stiff, ESPN Senior Director of Programming and Acquisitions, in a press release. "This program enhancement will allow college basketball fans to center their attention on the women, while also contributing to our ongoing efforts to grow the sport."

ESPN has noticed and propagated the greater interest in the other half of NCAA basketball, and as a result has increased its primetime coverage. It broadcast 125 games in the 2005-2006 season, 25 games more than in the previous year.

Riding the wave of publicity in Boston, the WNBA held its draft in the Boston Convention and

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JEFF SINNER/KRT

Duke University's Monique Currie rushes past the Maryland defense during first-half action of the women's Final Four at the TD Banknorth Garden on Tuesday. Currie was the No. 3 draft pick in the ensuing WNBA draft.

SOFTBALL

Lopez homers thrice, leads Jumbos to sweep



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Sophomore Danielle Lopez connects on the three-run homer that broke a 3-3 tie and won the second game for the Jumbos in the bottom of the seventh inning. Lopez went 6-for-8 with three home runs on the day as the Jumbos took two games from Bridgewater State in non-conference action.

BY SAM KRUMHOLZ
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Tufts sophomore Danielle Lopez must dream about fastballs from Bridgewater State senior Kaitlyn Gambino.

SOFTBALL

at Spicer Field, Thursday (2)

Bridgewater State 3
Tufts 6

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T...201 000 3	6	9	2

Lopez: 3-for-4, 3 HR, 5 RBI
W: Bailey (2-3) 7 IP, 8 H, 1 ER, 0 BB, 12 SO

at Spicer Field, Thursday (1)

Bridgewater State 5
Tufts 10

	R	H	E
M...200 111 0	5	6	2
T...000 433 X	10	14	2

Cusick: 2-for-4, 2B, 3 RBI
Dodson: 2-for-4, 2B, 2 RBI
W: Brenta (2-2) 7 IP, 6 H, 4 ER, 2 BB, 6 SO

Last night, with the game knotted at three in the bottom of the seventh and two runners on base, Lopez faced off against Gambino with the game and Tufts' seven-game winning streak on the line.

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FACEBOOK BRACKETS

Sophomore Maria O'Brien wins Facebook bracket

BY ADAM COOPERSTOCK
Senior Staff Writer

Monday night was host to one of sport's biggest events, and it separated the winners from the losers.

Florida was certainly the biggest winner of the night, capturing its first-ever college basketball national championship with a defeat of UCLA, 73-57.

But with the end of this year's exhilarating and often-surprising NCAA tournament, college students around the country discovered who won and who lost in the first annual college basketball tournament pool on popular college personal directory Facebook.com.

Some 582,518 brackets were entered in the competition across North America, with 711 participants from Tufts in the competi-

tion. The brackets were tabulated using an "underdog" scoring method that encouraged participants to try and pick upsets throughout the field. Under this scoring format, an entry would receive one point for a correct first round pick, two for a second round pick, four for a third-round pick, and eight for a fourth-round pick if they picked the favorite correctly.

However, if an underdog was picked and went on to win, the amount of points for the win would be multiplied by the difference between the lower seed and the higher seed it had defeated. The national semifinals were worth 15 points and the championship game was worth 25 points regardless of the seeds that won the games.

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INSIDE THE NHL

Undersized players shine under new rule changes in NHL

BY PAT MANAHAN
Senior Staff Writer

Bigger isn't always better. Or at least it isn't in the new NHL.

As the 2005-06 season draw to a close, the ramifications of the new rules implemented this season are being fully appreciated, and small players are making some big contributions on the ice.

Before the lockout, big defensemen were allowed to play a much more physical game, and as a result, players under 5'11" were few and far between.

But as part of its revamping effort this season, the NHL extended the blue lines and began a "no-tolerance" policy on hooking and grabbing. As a result, smaller players have emerged as dominant forces on

virtually every NHL team. Many of these small players are now playing integral roles on playoff-contending teams.

One of the most explosive players early in the year was 26-year old Ladislav Nagy of the **Phoenix Coyotes** at 5'11". Nagy is still second on his team in points, even though he has been sidelined by a knee injury since late January. With all of his free time, Inside the NHL was able to get a word with the injured Nagy this week.

"With the rules changing, it's good for small guys," Nagy said. "There are a lot of power plays, and that's always good for fast guys, because there's more ice. The defensemen can't grab you, hook you or knock you down anymore, which allows guys like me

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Jumbo offense falls flat, drops league game against Bowdoin for second loss



JAMES HARRIS/TUFTS DAILY

Sophomore Joe Cavallo drives against a Bates player in the Jumbos' 16-9 win over Bates on Apr. 23, 2005. In Tufts' slow offensive start, Cavallo scored the lone first-half goal in the Jumbos' 9-5 loss to Bowdoin on Wednesday.

BY MEGHAN BECQUE
Daily Staff Writer

The Tufts men's lacrosse team was right to anticipate a tough game against the Bowdoin Polar

MEN'S LACROSSE

at Bello Field, Wednesday

Bowdoin 9
Tufts 5

O'Brien: 2 goals

Harrigan: 8 saves

Bears.

No. 17 Bowdoin defeated No.

15 Tufts, 9-5, in a tightly contested match on Wednesday afternoon on Bello Field. The loss, the Jumbos' first in the NESCAC this season, drops them to a 6-2 overall record and 2-1 record in the conference. Bowdoin holds the same overall record, but improves to 3-0 in NESCAC play with the win.

The game highlighted the offensive flair and defensive stability of both teams, but the Polar Bears' finesse and intensity gave them the offensive advantage and the win.

The first quarter was slow, with the lone scoreboard tally coming from Bowdoin senior midfielder

Chris Eaton at the 11:48 minute mark. The Polar Bears turned on the offense in the second period, scoring two unanswered goals in the first five minutes of the second frame. The Jumbos got on the board with an unassisted strike from sophomore midfielder Joe Cavallo at the 7:34 minute mark.

The shot was set up by a great run from junior attacker Mark Warner, and it found its way past Bowdoin junior goaltender Charlie Legg, who logged 16 saves on the night.

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