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Tomorrow's Spring Fling will feature The Roots and RJD2; seen here is last year's event.

Spring Fling lineup source of contention on campus

BY SARAH STRAND
Daily Editorial Board

Before finals run their course and the Medford/Somerville campus clears out for summer, students have one last time to let loose: this weekend's Spring Fling. Spring concerts are the norm for college campuses around the country, and Boston-area schools are no exception. Harvard University hosted its annual Yardfest two weeks ago, and Brandeis University's Springfest, featuring of Montreal and Far East Movement, will be held on May 1, the day after Tufts' Spring Fling.

Though the event is always greatly anticipated at Tufts, this year's acts —

The Roots and RJD2 — have brought about mixed opinions from the student body. In past years, Tufts Concert Board has booked groups whose fame was recent or on the rise, while this year's headliners, The Roots, formed as a band before many current undergraduates were even born. Tufts' 2008 Spring Fling featured Tea Leaf Green, Dropkick Murphys and Common, and the 2009 event featured Ludacris, The Decemberists and Asher Roth. Last year the lineup consisted of OK Go, Drake and Sam Adams.

In general, Tufts Concert Board tends to book alternating styles of headliners

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For ROTC involvement, faculty approves limited recognition

BY AMELIE HECHT
Daily Editorial Board

In a divided vote Wednesday, Arts, Sciences and Engineering (AS&E) faculty members chose to note the successful completion of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program on cadets' final transcripts.

The decision to recognize ROTC cadets' service was partially prompted by the December repeal of the policy barring openly homosexual individuals from military service, informally known as Don't Ask, Don't Tell (DADT), according to Dean of Academic Affairs for Arts and Sciences James Glaser.

The transcript proposal, which passed with 41 votes in favor and 29 against, was the first time faculty members had even debated issues regarding ROTC since 1969, when the campus ROTC program was ended during the Vietnam War, according to Glaser.

"I think this is an excellent outcome and a way for the university to recognize the importance of ROTC and the hard work and challenges that our students are engaging by participating in ROTC, as well as their really extraordinary public service," Glaser, who serves as the university's ROTC representative, said.

The measure, which was passed by the AS&E Educational Policy Committee (EPC) last month before being sent to a full faculty vote, is not retroactive and will only be noted on the transcripts of students graduating this semester and beyond.

The successful completion of the ROTC program will now be recorded in the notation section of students' transcripts, where other academic honors and extracurricular activities, such as internships, are recorded.

"We are not treating it differently from any other exceptional extracurricular activity or award," Glaser said, adding that the vote marked a step forward in the recognition of cadets' academic accomplishments.

"We were treating it differently by not including it," he said.

Another proposal calling for transcripts to note ROTC classes each semester as general participation, as opposed to in the notation section, failed overwhelmingly, according to Glaser.

According to that proposal, the ROTC course would have been listed similarly to how to those non-credit classes taken by students in the B.F.A. program and graduate students in Occupational Therapy appear on their transcripts.

Tufts cadets do not receive credit for the classes they take as part of ROTC, a majority of which they take at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Glaser attributed opposition to the second, failed proposal to an amendment tagged on to it at the previous faculty meeting. The amendment would have granted students who wanted to remove the notation from their transcript the ability to request it. There was a fear that this would start an unwanted precedent of altering transcripts, he said.

"Many people feared that it would lead to a legitimization of removing things from the transcript," he added.

Associate Professor of Political Science Malik Mufti voted for the failed resolution despite these concerns, he said.

"I thought the more explicit the recognition of ROTC the better, but I didn't feel as strongly about this proposal as I did the first, and it went down pretty one-sidedly,"

Tufts Community Union (TCU) President Sam Wallis, who supported a Senate resolution that passed last month calling for the implementation of both proposals, acknowledged that the amendment regarding removal of the notation could diminish the integrity of students' transcripts. He was, however, disappointed that the second proposal did not pass.

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Dental school names Alabama dean as new leader

BY MAHPARI SOTOUDEH
Daily Staff Writer

The School of Dental Medicine earlier this month named Dr. Huw F. Thomas as its next dean, concluding a nationwide search process.

Thomas, a graduate of Guy's Hospital at the University of London in England, will join Tufts after leaving his position as dean of the School of Dentistry at University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB).

The search process involved the creation of a student-faculty search committee to create a profile for prospective candidates. The committee then conducted the interview process, narrowing the field to three candidates before agreeing on Thomas, Provost and Senior Vice President Jamshed Bharucha said.

The appointment follows Dean of the School of Dental Medicine Lonnie Norris' announcement last October that he would step down from his post in August of this year.

"The committee interviewed the first-round of applicants and then narrowed that down to three finalists, and he was selected among them," Bharucha said.

Thomas expressed excitement at the decision and eagerness to take on the position

following his arrival at Tufts on August 1.

"I'm very honored and proud to have been selected and am looking forward to moving to Boston and joining the Tufts family," Thomas told the Daily.

Bharucha praised Thomas for his professional accomplishments.

The new dean was the recipient of the 2010 Society for Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine Award for Excellence for Promotion of Women in Academic Health Professions. He has served on numerous dental boards, written over 150 articles and is a member of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon dental honor society.

Thomas also brings previous dental administrative experience to the post, according to Bharucha.

"He is very experienced, having served already as a dean of a dental school," he said. "He has experience in clinical dental education, in research and in running a dental school. He's also astute about the challenges facing dentistry in higher education."

The challenge for Thomas will be to mitigate the rising costs of running a dental school despite the nationwide recession, according to Bharucha.

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Hill goes to the dogs

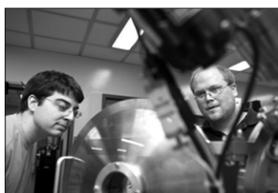


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Students in Hill Hall yesterday got some canine love at "Paws for Finals," an event sponsored by the Office of Residential Life and Learning in which therapy dogs helped to alleviate some of the stress of the last week of classes.

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Vandervelde wins NSF grant for energy research

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Assistant Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering Thomas Vandervelde was earlier this month one of five individuals in the nation to win a \$400,000, five-year grant awarded to early-career professors by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Vandervelde received the award for his research into making solar energy more efficient.

The NSF's Faculty Early Career Development Program awards junior professors who have yet to receive tenure with funding over a five-year period to promote the integration of education and research.

"I am delighted that ... Vandervelde has received this important recognition and am proud of our talented cadre of faculty members who are providing Tufts students with cutting-edge knowledge in emerging fields and integrating research into the classroom," School of Engineering Dean Linda Abriola said in an email to the Daily.

Vandervelde is the sixth Engineering Department faculty member to win an Early Career NSF award, according to Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Chair Jeffrey Hopwood.

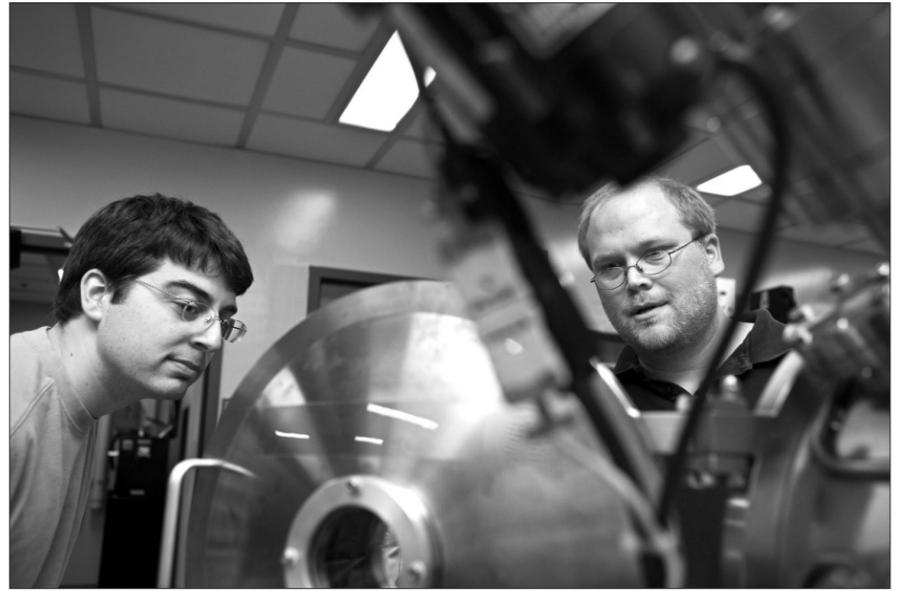
"It's considered to be a very prestigious award for young faculty," Hopwood said.

The grant is given to applicants following a rigorous application and selection process. Panels composed of experts in the field spend hours debating the thousands of research proposals they receive each year, Hopwood said.

"[Panelists try] to identify the strongest proposals, the proposals that have the best impact on research and education and a broader impact on the nation and the economy as a whole," Hopwood said.

Vandervelde's research centers on the conversion of heat to electricity through particles called thermophotovoltaics (TPVs) and has the potential to create energy-efficient, eco-friendly technologies, he said.

"The long-term goal of the research is to use this technology to convert heat into powering electrical devices, like using natural



COURTESY JOANIE TOBIN/TUFTS UNIVERSITY PHOTOGRAPHY

Assistant Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering Thomas Vandervelde received a \$400,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for his research in solar energy.

body heat to power a pacemaker, or using heat from exhaust to more efficiently power the car," Vandervelde said.

"Professor Vandervelde's outstanding research in solar technology is adding to our already considerable strength in sustainable energy expertise," Abriola added.

Vandervelde's willingness to mentor undergraduates and graduate students alike was part of his appeal to the NSF, Hopwood believed.

"The NSF wants to make sure that there are opportunities for people before graduate school to become involved in research," he said. "They're trying to reward professors who find an integration of lab research and education."

Sophomore Meth Bandara, an electrical engineering major who assists Vandervelde in his laboratory and worked with him last summer, praised Vandervelde's academic and professional skill.

"Tom is a wonderful professor," Bandara said. "He makes the lab a place you want to

be, a place where no idea is too crazy.

"His work is really groundbreaking," she added. "I'm not surprised he won the ... award."

Vandervelde will also be awarded this Friday the annual Graduate Teaching and Mentoring Award by the School of Engineering and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, he said.

In accordance with the \$400,000 grant, Vandervelde is expected to continue to publish scholarly literature on the subject and his research in order to enhance public knowledge and submit yearly reports to the NSF, Vandervelde said.

The grant will be divided equally over the next five years in increments of \$80,000 a year to finance Vandervelde's research endeavors regarding solar energy.

The funds will be used to support stipends for graduate students who aid Vandervelde in his research on TPVs, with the remainder of the funds allocated to furthering the research, Vandervelde said.

A rising junior's guide to off-campus living

BY AMELIA QUINN
Daily Editorial Board

For rising juniors, plans for next year have more or less fallen into place. Houses are rented, study abroad applications have largely been filled out and classes have been chosen.

But as finals take up an inordinate amount of time and brain power, one small doubt still creeps on many minds: how to adjust to off-campus living with a landlord, a real kitchen, bills and no one to clean up the messes you make.

Keeping it clean

"While I lived with most of the same people in the dorms this year that I will be living with next year, keeping the house clean and actually having a kitchen to take care of and cooking your own food will be a big change," sophomore Claire O'Brien said. O'Brien will be living on Curtis Avenue with five other people — four girls and one boy.

O'Brien was especially concerned about chore allocation among housemates. Senior Meghan Pesch, who has lived in 39 Teele Avenue since the fall of her junior year with five other housemates, had similar concerns, but worked them out soon after adapting to off-campus living.

"We thought about having a chore wheel or some organized system, but we decided not to and just see how it



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One of the major draws of off-campus living, some juniors say, is the more spacious living environment available in houses than in dorms.

worked out," Pesch said. "After a few months, everything that needed to be done was getting done, so we left it that way. With the exception of exam times, we are all pretty good about stepping up if something needs to get done."

Massimo Soriano, a junior who lives on College Avenue, said that he and

his five other housemates also chose not to assign chores.

"We have had mixed success with keeping up with taking out trash or doing dishes," he said. "Since we host parties fairly often, we tend to clean the next day, and that helps."

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Corrections

Yesterday's article "Recent Yale death triggers machine safety re-evaluation" incorrectly stated that the theater department's machine shop may only be operated by professional machinists. In fact, the shop is open to students authorized to use the machines.

Wednesday's op-ed "ECOM misses the mark again" incorrectly stated that the Elections Commission (ECOM) did not engage in postering efforts or advertise in the Daily, on TuftsLife or on Facebook. In fact, the body did engage in these activities. The op-ed should have stated that ECOM did not sufficiently do so. This was a mistake made during the editing process.



COURTESY CHRISTINE FENNELLY

Dean of the University of Alabama dentistry school Dr. Huw F. Thomas will next year take the position at Tufts.

University of Alabama dean praised for vision, effective leadership

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Bharucha is confident that Thomas will rise to the occasion.

"He is a person of integrity and is calm under pressure. He is good with people and he will be a terrific leader," Bharucha said.

Thomas' long-time colleague James Broome, an associate dean for clinical affairs at the UAB dentistry school, expressed the same confidence in his abilities and admiration of his leadership strategies.

"Huw is one of those rare leaders who can both conceive a vision and effectively com-

municate it," Broome told the Daily in an email. "I heard him present [his] vision over and over with the same clarity and enthusiasm to each individual and group he spoke to. That's leadership."

Thomas praised Norris' work in building the school's endowment and expanding the dental school's budget and expressed hope that his own tenure would match those efforts.

"I plan to continue the wonderful work that's been done as the current dean and possibly take the school to new heights," Thomas said.

Coursework recognition will be added to ROTC cadets' transcripts

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"I don't think it was framed correctly," Wallis, a senior, said. "I don't think all the faculty who voted on it had a full understanding of the implications of the proposal."

The approved proposal cited a desire to demonstrate the university's support for the national DADT repeal.

"There is no question this happened because of the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell and President Barack Obama's request that universities rethink their position on ROTC," Mufti said.

Professor of Physics and Astronomy Gary Goldstein voted against both proposals. He said that while Congress did pass a law repealing DADT at the end of last year, he is skeptical the military will actually change its policies.

"Don't Ask, Don't Tell is still in effect; it hasn't been changed and given the current culture in the Congress, it's likely it won't be changed," Goldstein said. "We have inadvertently supported, by putting on our students' transcripts, a discriminatory program."

Many proponents of the successful proposal said that the notation of ROTC participation on cadets' transcripts provided due recognition of the public service commitment made by those preparing to serve in the military.

"I voted in favor of it because I felt that as an institution that prides itself on engaged citizenship, we should acknowledge one of the noblest forms of public service," Mufti said.

Goldstein disagreed, noting a fundamental difference between his definition of public service, and that of some of his colleagues.

"[Military service] is hardly public service as we usually know the meaning of public service," Goldstein said. "Especially at Tufts, where we have the Tisch College of Active Citizenship, to call ROTC and the military

engaging in public service is to do a disservice to the ethical standards embodied in the words 'public service.'"

Those in favor of the second proposal argued that putting ROTC participation on cadets' transcripts each semester alongside their Tufts classes makes potential employers, for example, aware that the student is simultaneously engaged in other ROTC coursework, according to Wallis.

"It puts Tufts courses in the context of the other two [ROTC] courses the guys are taking," Wallis said.

Goldstein noted that as Tufts does not grant academic standing in its curriculum to courses taken through ROTC, they have no place on students' transcripts.

He added that students engage in other non-credit activities that do not get recognized on transcripts and that ROTC should be no different.

"There are many things that our students do that take a lot of time and effort and if it is something you want future employers to know about, you put it on your CV," Goldstein said. "It doesn't have to be on your transcript."

Professor of Child Development Richard Lerner, who voted in favor of both proposals, felt that students' transcripts were incomplete without the record of their ROTC participation.

"The transcripts are to list the accomplishment of students during their time at Tufts, and this is a point of distinction," Lerner said. "It's part of telling the story of what the person did during their time at Tufts."

Lerner said that the approved proposal was only part of the university's obligation towards honoring its students dedicated to national service through the military.

"I think that this sort of service should not only be designated on the transcript, which seems obvious, but it should be something for which Tufts as a community expresses their gratitude and pride," he said.

Students share advice about living options

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Making the transition

In terms of how off-campus life differs from dorm life, Pesch had only positive things to say.

"You have a lot more personal space," she said. "It's nice living in a house with a kitchen and living room because you can lounge around and feel at home."

Though the prospect of being able to cook gourmet dishes may seem enticing after two years of fare in Dewick-MacPhie and Carmichael Dining Halls, O'Brien said that cooking often gets pushed to the wayside.

"I can cook enough that I think I'll be fine, but with cooking, it's more of a time thing than not wanting to do it," she said.

One potential pitfall, Pesch said, was that those new to off-campus living may not be aware of the proper protocol upon leaving the house for vacations.

"I never really thought of what to do when leaving for breaks," Pesch said. "Luckily, the boys in the house knew. I guess you're supposed to turn down the hot water heater and change the thermostat to save money and have less of a chance of burning the place down."

Hot and cold

Utilities are another common oversight for those accustomed to dorm living. The temperature in dorm rooms are regulated — and paid for — by the university. In contrast, the thermostat in off-campus houses is controlled by its residents and costs them an amount proportional to the heat they use.

So the question remains: How cold are you willing to be to save money?

"I think that everybody's financially aware, and heat is really expensive," O'Brien said. "I guess that's something that we'll have to wait and see about next year."

Soriano said that his house chose to delegate one person as the money manager for specific utilities, which has worked out well.

"We had much more expensive bills in the winter," Soriano said. "It could have been avoided if we had worked harder to save energy and close windows."

Pesch warned that the discussion about heat is one that housemates should have before moving in together and that each person in the house should make sure all tenants' needs are kept in mind before deciding to skimp on the heat.

"It sucks when some people want to keep the house really cold in the winter to save on heat," Pesch said.

Maintaining good relations

Additionally, she warned that off-campus newbies should make sure to make time for your housemates and not forget to pay your share.

"Remember to pay rent," Pesch said. "Also, realize that even though you might live in a house with your closest friends, you probably won't see them as much as you think, and finding time to hang out with them can still be hard since you will all have so much going on," she said.

Pesch hasn't had any problems with her housemates. Her and her housemates' relationship with their landlord, however, is a different story.

"Only one of us talks to him," she said. "We just go through my one housemate to resolve issues."

Students should make sure to cultivate a relationship with the tenants next door from the very beginning, Soriano added.

"Be nice to your neighbors. You need to know if they don't like you making noise late into the night," he said. "You wouldn't want them to call the police and file a noise complaint."

Spring Fling lineup gives rise to dissenting opinions, comparison

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and aims to avoid musicians who have performed at Tufts within the past few years, Tufts Concert Board co-Chair Marc Turner, a junior, said.

The strong, negative opinions about this year's acts can easily be gleaned from Tufts' CollegeACB page, a site where students can anonymously talk about issues specific to Tufts. As of April 26, 57 comments appear under the post "THE ROOTS ARE PLAYING AT SPRING FLING. [It's] official. F--- YOU CONCERT BOARD!" Commenters go on to write that The Roots "blow," and are "even worse than OK Go."

Many students look forward to hopefully seeing current, big-name groups play Spring Fling. The Roots aren't as well-known on campus as the acts of previous years, and many place the blame on the Concert Board for booking what some see as disappointing bands that do not represent the music tastes of the general student body.

"Concert Board thinks that it would be really cool to see a live performance of the music they listen to while they study in the library. That's not the point. The point is to have a loud, entertaining, known artist to provide an awesome outdoor concert experience. I'm disgusted that Concert Board is so disconnected from what Spring Fling is supposed to be," an anonymous CollegeACB poster wrote. "Love him or hate him, at least people knew Ludacris songs. How many people do you know who know a single song by the Roots?"

Though the opposition to the lineup is fierce, it's not hard to find those who stand on the other side of the fence. Freshman Ellen Mayer, a music enthusiast, is pleased that The Roots are playing Spring Fling. She credits them as being strong performers who will appeal to a large crowd.

"I think it will be universally enjoyable," Mayer said.

Others acknowledge that The Roots may be less known than previous acts but still feel they will put on a good show.

Given Tufts Concert Board's funds and scheduling restrictions for the event, it is not surprising the school is not always able to book some of today's biggest performers, freshman Rob Carter said.

"Honestly I feel like I am less upset than a lot of people. I actually like The Roots. But it is kind of weird when you look at last year, Drake, and a while ago when they had Lupe Fiasco. They tend to normally have bands when you can say 'I saw him before he was big.' And you definitely can't say that about The Roots," Carter, a local who also attended last year's Spring Fling, said. "But they're a great band. People aren't quite putting it in perspective like they should be. It's not a shocker that we don't have Kanye or Lady Gaga."

There are also many students on campus who simply have no strong opinion about the bands, given their limited fame.

"I'm less excited about the performance artists this year because I don't really know either of them," junior Steven Halstead said. "In general, the bands they get are just kind of there. That's my experience of them."

Halstead noted that he sees the highlight of Spring Fling as being on the President's Lawn with friends, making the actual group that is playing less important.

Turner acknowledged that it is impossible to book an act that will please everyone. However, he is still pleased with this year's lineup.

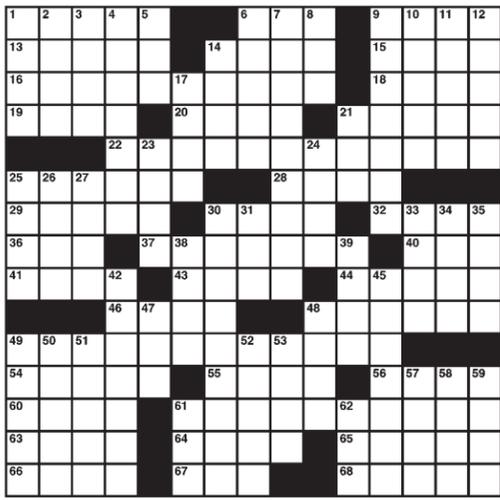
"We were happy with our decision," Turner said. "We knew there may be some recognition gaps."

Kelsey Schur, the other co-Chair, described the acts as being an "accessible sound for everyone." She also noted that RJD2 will be one of the first electro acts to play Spring Fling. Though the Concert Board is well aware of the campus' varying opinions about The Roots and RJD2, Schur agrees with Turner that this year should be just as enjoyable as any other.

"I'm absolutely thrilled with the bands. I'm really proud of who we booked this year," she said. "You can't make everybody happy."

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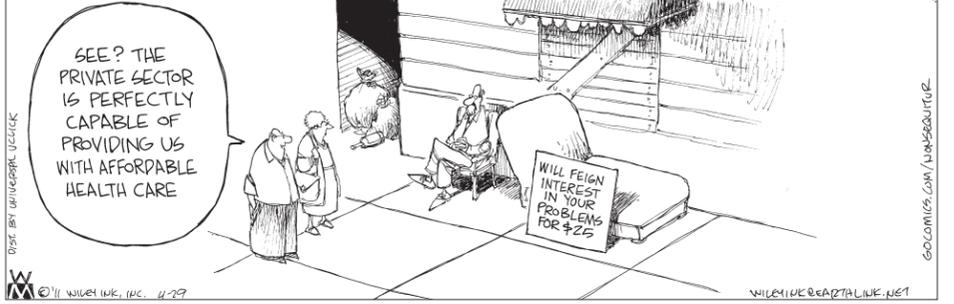
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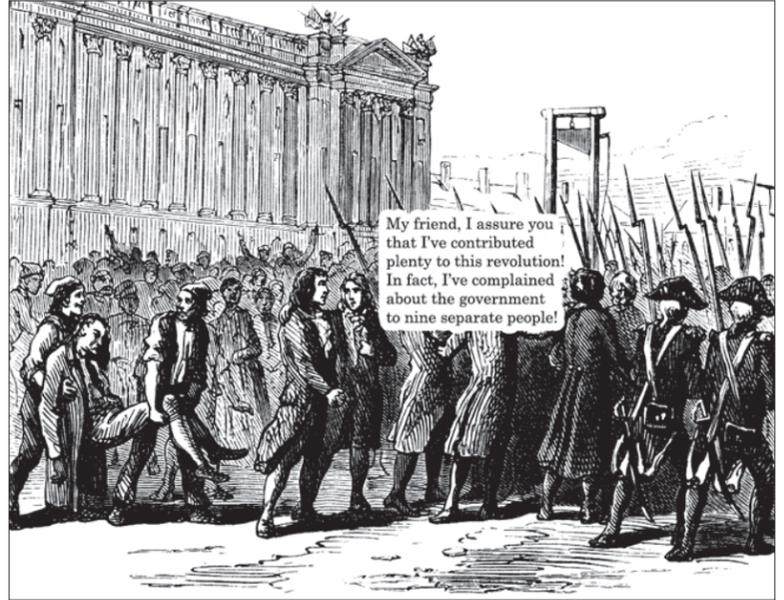


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MOVIE REVIEW

Painting too rosy a picture, 'Conception' falls short of greatness

BY ANYA GELERNT
Contributing Writer

Statistics say the average man thinks about sex once every seven seconds. "Conception"

Conception



Starring **Julie Bowen, David Arquette, Sarah Hyland**

Directed by **Josh Stolberg**

will have the average guy covered for a week.

"Conception," directed by Josh Stolberg and produced by Stephanie Sherrin (LA '08), is an hour and a half about sex. The movie, which recently screened at the Boston International Film Festival, starts out with Paul Reynolds (David Arquette) as a kindergarten teacher who is just asked the dreaded question: "Where do babies come from?" Although Paul tries desperately to avoid answering, the class gets a bit out of hand. The one know-it-all kid offers to tell the class and draws a picture to show some of the other kids.

Paul, on the other hand, tells them the stork brought them. Then we get to see the truth in action.

"Conception" is the story of the night that nine different children were conceived. This ruins any bit of surprise in the movie — not that there really needs to be any, but since it is clear what's going to happen, the audience is left saying, "Stop! Don't do it!" to about half of the couples in the film, knowing their pleas will inevitably be unheard.

The film follows nine different couples whose stories intersect. Julie Bowen ("Modern Family") and Gregory Smith play Tiffany and Will, a divorcee and her younger boyfriend who decide to make a sex tape, which does not end well.

Pamela Adlon and Moon Bloodgood play Tay and Nikki, a lesbian couple trying to get pregnant with the use of a sperm donor, while Sarah Hyland (also of "Modern Family" fame) and Matt Prokop play two tenth-graders having sex for the first time because J.T. (Prokop) agrees to give up eating meat for Tracey (Hyland).



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In 'Conception,' David Arquette tells his students that babies are delivered by storks.

Mark (Alan Tudyk) and Gwen (Jennifer Jostyn) are the couple that just had their baby six weeks ago, while Gloria (Connie Britton) and Brian (Jason Mantzoukas) are the couple that is desperately trying to have one.

Joel (Steve Howey) and Bree (Leila Leigh) just went on a

blind date, Gina (America Olivo) won't let Tommy (Tim Griffin) back into the bed until he showers (even though they immediately proceed to sweat all over the bed while having sex), Laurie (Jennifer Finnigan) and Brad (Jonathan Silverman) are married and have to finish reading their

chapters before having sex, and Carla (Leah Pipes) and Eric (Aaron Ashmore) are having makeup sex after a ridiculous fight.

Got all that? With so many couples and not much time, it would seem hard to get invest-

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

Tacos Lupita offers cheap, authentic Mexican and El Salvadorian food

BY NICHOLAS BAYHI
Contributing Writer

Hailing from the West Coast, I am used to being surrounded by cheap, delicious

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Latin American food. There are practically a dozen places within a couple miles of my house, all with varying degrees of authenticity; there are the Taco Bells and Chipotles that you will find everywhere, as well as La Hacienda, where it's difficult to get service if you don't speak Spanish.

Since coming to the Boston area for college, I have been disappointed by the quality of this type of food. Anna's Taqueria does a decent job, but

I wanted some diversity, something new. As I flipped through the Boston Zagat guide, I found a place called Tacos Lupita in Somerville (there are also locations in Lynn, Haverhill and Lawrence) that was more highly rated than any other Latin American restaurant in the area. It was also categorized within the cheapest cost bracket that Zagat records — basically, perfect for a college student.

Yelp! indicated that the Somerville location was near the Porter Square T stop. It would appear, however, that Yelp! and I have different ideas about the term "close," as it was in fact a 10-minute walk. This doesn't seem like much, but when you are headed through a residential neighborhood and not quite certain that you're actually going the right way, you begin to question it.

Once I got there, however, I was greeted with the familiar sight of a taco joint that doesn't care about anything other than the taste of its tacos: no fancy neon lights, nothing particular-

ly decorative — just a sign saying "Tacos Lupita" on a vaguely stucco-esque building.

The menu is simple: tacos, burritos, tortas, quesadillas, gorditas, soup and pupusas, all available with one of five proteins — chicken, steak, cow tongue, pork or chorizo. I ordered the three taco combo platter (one steak, one chicken, one chorizo), served with rice and beans, to maximize my tasting options.

The steak was very well seasoned but a little tough. It didn't make the tacos inedible, but I would have appreciated if it were cut into smaller pieces. The chorizo was flavorful, although it could have used a little more spice in it. The chicken was similarly well seasoned, with the spiciness instead provided in the form of a green chili sauce, which could be spooned over the dish as desired. This seemed to be their way of making their food acceptable to people with lower spice tolerance.

Beyond the basic protein, the tacos were all superb; they had your standard taco fillings that tasted just like I came to expect from the best taco joints back home.

Tacos Lupita provided a delicious meal. It was leaps and bounds better than what you find on campus at Dewick or what passes for a quesadilla at Hodgdon. It is, however, only marginally better than Anna's Taqueria and is much farther out, so I can't in good conscience enthusiastically endorse a trip all the way past Porter. It would be ideal for a Saturday lunch when you've rented one of the Tufts Bikes, but other than that, it's probably not worth the trip.



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Tacos Lupita's three taco combo platter, served with rice and beans.

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Kevin Clash, right, at Wednesday's showing of 'Being Elmo.'

Elmo comes to Somerville

Elmo was at the Somerville Theatre on Wednesday night.

The real Elmo.

Kevin Clash, puppeteer and voice of the beloved "Sesame Street" character, appeared at the Somerville Theatre for the opening night kickoff event of the Independent Film Festival Boston (IFFB). Clash was there to present "Being Elmo: A Puppeteer's Journey," the festival's opening film, along with Constance Marks, the film's director.

Clash, who has provided the voice of Elmo for nearly three decades, brought the little red guy with him and after the film held an hour-long Q-and-A, half as himself, half as Elmo.

The film itself, though fairly short, is nothing short of a triumph. Marks presents a compelling, touching portrait of a role model, innovator and all-around great guy in Clash.

Clash followed his dream of being a puppeteer from childhood, when he first started making puppets and performing in his neighborhood, through adulthood, eventually landing his gig on "Sesame Street." Along the way he also worked on a number of seminal TV shows and films, from "The Great Space Coaster" (1981-86) and

"Dinosaurs" (1991-95) to the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles movies and "Labyrinth" (1986).

During the Q-and-A, Clash thrilled the audience with a myriad of voices and shared behind-the-scenes anecdotes from his impressive career.

And then he brought Elmo out.

With the Elmo puppet on his arm, Clash effectively disappeared. He was polite and somewhat soft-spoken as himself, but as Elmo, Clash was, well, Elmo. The transformation was immediate and stunning, and it was surprisingly normal to see the puppet move around and talk, all while suspended from Clash's arm, with the puppeteer in full view, moving his own mouth to speak as Elmo.

The film leaves no doubt that Clash is passionate and has a genius for puppetry, but his effortless performance post-screening drove the point home.

Wednesday night's screening of "Being Elmo" is the only one of the festival, but the filmmakers hinted that within a few weeks, a further release of some sort would be announced. And that is a very, very good thing.

—by Mitchell Geller

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Nine sex stories too much to handle

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ed in each story, but Stolberg still manages to make us care. Tay and Nikki's story is one of the most layered and complex in the movie, and, according to Sherrin, they are the only couple directly inspired by real people.

"[Stolberg's] wife's cousin, who's in a lesbian relationship, inspired the story of Tay and Nikki," she told the Daily.

Nikki makes sure Tay is okay with not being the one to carry the child and, in one of the most funny and genuine moments of the movie, Tay lists all of the side effects of pregnancy, saying, "I think I can live without that." In their short time on screen, these two women come alive. We believe in them, we root for them and we celebrate with them when we discover they are pregnant, even though we already knew it was coming.

Unfortunately, this isn't true for every couple in the movie. There isn't much more to Gina and Tommy than Gina's flirtatious teasing and sex. When they're done in bed, they move to the shower. They clearly love each other — or at least clearly love sleeping with each other — but there isn't much for the audience to invest in.

The rest of the couples fall somewhere in between. Sometimes we sincerely care but, more often than not, we wonder why they behave so stupidly. Joel and Bree have sex and discover afterward that the condom slipped off inside of her. When Bree tells Joel she's not on the pill, her reaction is, "It'll all be okay — there's only like a one percent chance of getting pregnant, right?"

Taking less-than-responsible sex a step further, J.T. has been carrying around the condom he and Tracey end up using for four years. Then Gwen tells her husband they don't need to use a condom because she's lactating. Statements like these have the audience wondering if these people have ever even heard of sex education.



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Tufts alum Stephanie Sherrin (LA '08) alongside 'Conception' star Julie Bowen.

"Conception" is cute enough and quite entertaining but has some seriously unrealistic moments. Sure enough, at the end, all nine women find out that they're pregnant and we then travel back to David Arquette's kindergarten class. Nine children tell us how they think babies are made, and we discover each child to be the child of one of the nine happy couples. It's a sweet end to the movie but feels like cheesy Hollywood optimism that each of these nine children has a happy, complete family.

Would the 16-year-olds really be together four years later? Would they have even had the baby?

"I know it's not exactly real life, but it's a movie and these are extreme circumstances, and it would have been weird if we had one couple not together or not keep the baby," Sherrin said.

"Conception" is a good movie, but focusing a little more on the weirdness of real life would have made it a great one.

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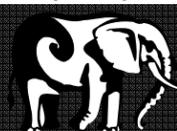
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For 10 seniors, this weekend's Bowdoin series last three games at Huskins Field

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series to Bowdoin since the Polar Bears swept the Jumbos on the way to their title five years ago.

More recently, the Jumbos ended the Polar Bears' season in Game 6 of the NESCAC championship last year, laying more seeds in a brewing rivalry.

"Bowdoin will be the other team from the East in the playoffs, so we definitely want to do well this weekend in order to gain confidence heading in," junior pitcher Dave Ryan said.

The Polar Bears, who enter this weekend's series having won nine of their past 11 games, are led by two starting pitchers — sophomore Oliver Van Zant and freshman Christian Martin — each of whom will pose a challenge to the Jumbos' lineup. Van Zant, the reigning NESCAC Rookie and Pitcher of the Year, is coming off a strong showing against Colby that earned him conference Pitcher of the Week honors on Monday.

A hard-throwing right-hander, Van Zant is 2-1 with a 2.75 ERA this season in seven starts. He has struck out 51 batters in 39 1/3 innings of work while walking just 16. But while most teams struggled to adjust to Van Zant's velocity, the Jumbos fared just fine against him last year, scoring five runs (two earned) on three hits and four walks in four innings.

Martin, the only other Bowdoin pitcher who has started seven times this spring,



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Senior infielder Dave LeResche brings a .300 average into the baseball team's final NESCAC games of the season.

enters with a 4-1 mark and 2.95 ERA, as well as 53 strikeouts in 46 innings. The Lake Bluff, Ill., native, who attended the same high school as Jumbos senior leftfielder Ian Goldberg, doesn't throw as hard as Van Zant, but features better command of his pitches.

Bowdoin's third starter will be a wildcard, as coach Mike Connolly has used senior Ben Higgins and freshmen Joe

Lefebber and Sam Herzig in that role this year. Tufts beat Higgins in the NESCAC Championship last year, and both freshmen have struggled in their first collegiate seasons.

Offensively, the Polar Bears are one of the most patient teams in the conference, having drawn 102 walks in 27 games. But Bowdoin's best hitters thrive on fastballs, so if Tufts' pitchers are able

to get ahead in the count and mix in their offspeed arsenals, they are likely to have success.

Senior Matt Ruane leads the Polar Bears with a .368 batting average, while classmate and quad-captain Brett Gorman has crushed four homers and is the team's best power threat. Dan Hicks, also a senior quad-captain, is batting .297 and has not gone deep this season but his keen eye has resulted in 16 walks and a team-high .438 on-base percentage.

"They have a good lineup," Ryan said of the Polar Bears, who are batting .303 as a team. "But at this point it's about making our pitches and executing against everyone. Once it's closer to game time, we'll be thinking of plans for each hitter, but executing is what's most important."

The Jumbos, now ranked No. 17 in the country, are confident that their best efforts are good enough to beat any opponent.

"Starting on Friday afternoon, we need to play hard every pitch of every inning and keep working on getting better every time we take the field," junior catcher Matt Collins said. "If we do those things, we can compete with anyone."

First pitch for Friday's game is set for 3 p.m. at Huskins Field, where the Jumbos are a perfect 7-0 this season. Tufts has outscored its opponents 46-16 on its home field and has not dropped a NESCAC game at Huskins since April 18, 2009.

Tufts can reach preseason goal with win against Bates

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Tufts, while a loss would put the Jumbos in a three-way tie for the No. 6 seed, the final berth in the NESCAC tournament.

The Jumbos haven't beaten the Bobcats since 2007, but they hope that this time will be different as the squad looks to clinch a tournament spot.

"We definitely feel good about where the team is now, but the job isn't done," Kohnstamm said. "The Bates match is really the climax of our season, and we are one step away from reaching our goal that we set at the beginning of the season — to make the NESCAC tournament and end the season with a national ranking."

Tufts focuses on Bowdoin matchup tonight before Conn. College rematch on Sunday

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to beat Tufts this season.

The up-and-down Polar Bears are undoubtedly up, but so are the Jumbos. Tufts is currently riding a three-game win streak since the Gulls knocked it out of the country's top spot, and in the last two games, the Jumbos have looked in top form. This past Saturday, the team beat No. 11 Middlebury on the road for the first time in coach Mike Daly's tenure and followed that up with a 15-6 dismantling of Babson on Monday.

Tufts may be favored against Bowdoin, but the Jumbos will need to be defensively solid out of the gate and opportunistic with their scoring to avoid an exhausting emotional battle just two days before the NESCAC quarterfinal against the Camels.

"I don't think anything really changes," Alles said. "We always have the same game plan — always looking forward to the next play, the next ground ball. We can't dwell on anything that just happened ... even if a goal was just scored."

Alles was confident that with this recipe, the Jumbos should take the match.

"Coach Daly always says that lacrosse is a game of streaks and they're going to get some punches, but we're going to get ours," he said. "We'll be able to hold them when it counts."

This game is undoubtedly dangerous, because Bowdoin can be just as offensively productive as Tufts. The Polar Bears currently aver-

age 10.92 goals per game and another early deficit like the Jumbos got themselves into against Middlebury could give Bowdoin's attack too much breathing room.

If Bowdoin goes man-down at any point tonight, it will be good news for Tufts. The Polar Bears rank last in the conference in penalty killing, stopping their opponents only 65.9 percent of the time. The Jumbos, on the other hand, lead the league with a 43.9 man-up scoring percentage. Too many minutes in the box could spell disaster for Bowdoin.

"Penalties are big points in any game," senior quad-captain midfielder Matt Witko said. "We expect to score on every one of them. We don't necessarily have a plan for them, but we plan on moving the ball and attacking. We're not settling for one more pass or just shots."

The Polar Bears will also have to avoid putting the ball on the ground. Bowdoin is second-worst in the NESCAC in turnovers with an average of just over 13 per game and, with the Jumbos' renewed focus on winning every ground ball, Tufts could come away with some more unexpected possessions.

"We're not going to be any more aggressive than we already are, but when the ball goes down, we're going to get in there and scrap for it," Alles said. "Ground balls are so important, and if you win that battle, it's pretty hard to lose the game."

Finally, and arguably most importantly, the combination of Tufts' league-leading shooting percentage (32.7)

and Bowdoin's second-worst save percentage (51.2) amount to another Tufts advantage. Though Tufts' defensive unit has looked better than ever this season, Bowdoin's defense and goalkeeping trio of seniors Jake McCampbell and Robert Burkhardt and sophomore Michael Bottinelli has struggled to the tune of a league-worst 9.71 goals-per-game average.

"We're just looking to come out to the game aggressive," Witko said. "We don't want to let them take the game to us; we want to take the game to them. We look to attack early ... because if you can go up two goals early in the game, it's a real advantage."

But all those edges will mean little unless Tufts' defense can rise to the challenge on Bowdoin's field in front of its nighttime home crowd. The Polar Bears may have exploitable holes in their game, but if their defense allows them to gain control of the pace, their attack will only get harder to stop.

Yet the Jumbos aren't worrying too much about specifics. It seems the team is just excited for the chance to end the season on a high note under the Friday night lights.

"Bowdoin is definitely a great place to play," Witko said. "They have a great environment; they have a bunch of fans there, and it's a lot of fun. ... We definitely expect a lot from this game, but going into the playoffs, it's important to get a win right before and get that confidence up and keep our swagger going."

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MEN'S LACROSSE

With top seed in tow, Tufts heads to Bowdoin

Teams will fight for postseason momentum under the lights

BY CLAIRE KEMP
Daily Editorial Board

The weekend we've been waiting for all season is finally here.

In just two days, the men's lacrosse NESCAC Tournament will begin, with national No. 3 Tufts as the top seed for the first time in program history. But the Jumbos probably haven't given too much thought to Sunday's rematch with Conn. College, the squad that held them to just six goals in a one-point victory on April 16. That's because tonight Tufts will hit the road for its regular-season finale against Bowdoin.

"The past few weeks, we've been focused a lot on competitions," freshman defenseman Dan Alles said. "I know we've clinched the No. 1 seed, but no one wants to go down to Bowdoin. We want that perfect [NESCAC] record, and we refuse to lose. Obviously, everyone's excited about playoffs, but our heads are in this game right now."

Almost exactly one year ago, on April 30, 2010, the Polar Bears came to Bello Field and pushed the game down to the wire. Bowdoin played Tufts to a 13-13 tie at the end of regulation after scoring in the last minute, but then-sophomore midfielder Kevin McCormick answered in overtime with the unassisted game winner.

This year, with Bowdoin at just 6-6 on the season and 3-5 in the NESCAC, a photo finish is not what the Jumbos (12-1, 8-0 NESCAC) want.

Bowdoin specializes in close games. This season, the Polar Bears have not



ANDREW MORGENTHALER/TUFTS DAILY

Senior midfielder Matt Witko will be looking to help Tufts to victory against Bowdoin as the team looks to get positive momentum heading into the NESCAC tournament.

won or lost by more than four goals, with the exception of a 21-5 demolition of non-league Nazareth. And they are currently on a hot streak, having won their past three games by one, two

and one goals, respectively. The most important victory in that mix: a 13-12 win over No. 16 Endicott, the only team

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BASEBALL

First place on the line when Bowdoin comes to town

BY DANIEL RATHMAN
Daily Editorial Board

While friends and classmates will be partying at Spring Fling Saturday on the President's Lawn, the baseball team will be keenly focused on working toward its second consecutive NESCAC East division title at Huskins Field.

To do so, the Jumbos (20-5-1, 9-0 NESCAC) will need two wins in a three-game series with Bowdoin (19-8 overall, 7-1). Otherwise, the head-to-head tiebreaker for the No. 1 seed in the upcoming conference tournament will favor the Polar Bears.

Though the NESCAC's alternating East-West system means that the Jumbos won't host tournament games this May, they don't take winning the division lightly.

"We take pride in doing well in our conference," senior pitcher Ed Bernstein said. "We only get twelve league games every year and every one is important. Every game is a chance to build on what we have."

Bowdoin won't be taking the series lightly either — especially considering that the Polar Bears have not won the East division since 2006, their only first-place finish in the NESCAC era. Revenge may also be on their minds, as Tufts won three of the four matchups between the teams in 2010 and has not lost a season

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SOFTBALL

Crucial showdown at Trinity to decide season playoff fate

BY BEN KOCHMAN AND
ETHAN STURM
Daily Editorial Board

The stakes could not be higher for the softball team as Tufts kicks off a three-game set at Trinity in Hartford, Conn., this afternoon. If the Jumbos can take two out of three from the Bantams this weekend, the NESCAC Tournament will take place at Spicer Field for the first time since 2009.

But if Tufts gets swept or drops two out of three, while Bowdoin beats Bates in its final game, Tufts will be left out of the conference tournament for the first time in school history.

The Daily presents three keys to watch for as the Jumbos fight for their playoff lives in enemy territory:

Holding the Bantams early

The Jumbos have given up two or more runs in the first inning of six out of their eight losses since returning from spring break and entering New England play. On April 11, for example, Tufts was lit up for five runs in the first inning against Babson. The Jumbos will count on sophomore Rebecca DiBiase and senior co-captain Izzie Santone — who both boast sub-3.00 ERAs — to contain the Bantams early and give Tufts' offense, which has a season average of over .300, less responsibility to mount comebacks.

Kicking into high gear

While Tufts' offensive power has been on full display throughout the season — the Jumbos rank first in the NESCAC

in home runs and hits and second in runs — capitalizing so far on what has been a league-high 83 walks on the basepaths could prove the most crucial this weekend. Junior outfielder Lizzie Iuppa (16-for-18); junior co-captain first baseman Lena Cantone (11-for-12); and junior shortstop Mira Lieman-Sifry (11-17) all individually rank in the top five in the NESCAC in stolen bases, and the Jumbos as a team have stolen 55 bases in 2011, 11 more than second-place Bowdoin. More of the same from the top of coach Cheryl Milligan's order will put runners in scoring position and allow freshman Jo Clair (league-high 39 RBIs) and Cantone (31 RBIs) to go to work.

Solving the Poulos puzzle

Tufts had major trouble with Trinity junior Katherine Poulos last season, only managing two earned runs in 12 2/3 innings against her. In game one of last season's three-game series, the Jumbos knocked out Bantam ace Kristen Anderson before Poulos shut down the Jumbos en route to a 6-5 win. This season Poulos is 8-5 with a 2.69 ERA in 14 appearances and again will pose a major threat to Tufts' lineup. Especially if they see her in multiple games, the Jumbos will need to produce runs with this Bantam hurler on the mound. If Tufts can solve the Poulos puzzle, the team's 10 seniors will get one last chance to play on Spicer Field for the NESCAC tournament.



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Sophomore second baseman Emily Beinecke is peaking at the right time as Tufts heads into a do-or-die weekend series at Trinity.

MEN'S TENNIS

After Brandeis, Tufts sees most wins since '96

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On Tuesday, the men's tennis team cruised against non-conference No. 22 Brandeis 6-3, marking its 11th win of the season — the most in the program since 1996. The win against the Judges was also the Jumbos' first outdoors win against a ranked opponent this year, just in time for tonight's season finale against No. 24 Bates.

"The Brandeis match was our first outside match since Colby," senior co-captain Paul Kohnstamm said. "We showed that we could beat a ranked team outside, that's important."

The No. 1 tandem of junior Kai Victoria and sophomore Andrew Lutz began the Jumbos' sweep of doubles play with an exciting 9-8 tiebreaker win. In the No. 2 slot, junior co-captain Morrie Bossen and sophomore Mark Westerfield went down early against Brandeis seniors Nick White and Steve Nieman, 5-1, but a resurgence propelled them to an eventual 8-6 victory.

"Our match was a great comeback, and Mark really spurred us on," Bossen said. "He really picked me up. I wasn't playing well at the beginning. ... I really fed off of his positive energy and was able to turn my game around, too. We played against two really good players, including Nick White, who is one of the best singles and doubles players in the region. It was great for Mark and I as a team to beat him and to come back from such a deficit."

Then, the No. 3 team of Kohnstamm and junior Sam Laber cruised to an 8-4 victory to give the Jumbos momentum going into the singles matches and giving an extra assurance boost to a team that has had some tough defeats as well as wins this season.

"The fact that we swept doubles was big for our confidence. A bunch of us only play doubles, and it's something that we take a lot of pride in, getting a doubles sweep against a ranked team," Kohnstamm said. "It really sets the tone, and it's something we have to do against Bates."

In the No. 2 singles position, Lutz defeated Brandeis sophomore David Yovanoff 1-6, 6-4, 6-3. Lutz got off to a slow start but found his groove and became more energetic in the second and third sets, closing out the match.

"Lutz just got really aggressive and taking it to the kid and kept serving and volleying and pressing the issue at net, which for him is the key, and he played well to win the match," Bossen said.

At No. 3 singles, sophomore Ben Barad defeated Judges senior Ezra Bernstein 6-3, 6-1, while freshman Austin Blau continued his strong play, defeating senior Steven Nieman 4-6, 6-4, (10-4).

With their previous NESCAC successes against Trinity and Wesleyan, the Jumbos look poised to achieve their preseason goal of a postseason berth in the conference tournament. A win against No. 24 Bates tonight would cement the No. 5 seed for

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