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Jack Marlow, a life-time Woburn resident and chair of the Woburn Re-Development Authority, shows a map of Woburn.

## 'A Civil Action' comes to Tufts

### Members of the Woburn community speak on panel

by ELIZABETH SOLOMONT  
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Four panelists spoke to an audience of about 40 on March 16 to discuss the city of Woburn, the notorious site of water contamination and the subject of the recent best-seller and box office hit *A Civil Action*.

Panelists included both local residents and environmental protection advocates who spoke about their involvement and gave their perspectives on the issues that faced Woburn during its struggle for clean water 20 years ago and how the city is doing today.

Each panelist outlined the events of the contamination of the G & H Wells by local tanneries and industry, but stressed that today Woburn is healthy, rejuvenated, and its stigma is fading.

Mayor Robert Dever (Tufts '59) began the discussion by providing a brief history of the events in the '60s and '70s described in *A Civil Action*. Between 1966 and 1969 the city of Woburn utilized wells in the summertime to provide water to its residents, he said, since a population boom resulted in a water shortage during certain months. In 1979, several wells were found to be contaminated and were immediately shut down.

"The city, in 1979, took appropriate action and basically that was the end of any remedial activity from the city's standpoint," he said. Since then, he added, "the city has been trying to get by that situation."

Dever said Woburn has been taking the proper actions to overcome the environmental hazard and the stigma attached to it by implementing four major efforts which were started in the '80s and are being carried out today.

Presently, the city is capping a landfill, relining pipes, adhering to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, and redeveloping a piece of land referred to as Industraplex.

Dever added, "[Woburn] will very much in the future be a symbol for the whole country on rehabilitation, remediation, and bring-

ing what was a seriously damaged property into use."

Jack Marlow, a lifetime Woburn resident, an outspoken advocate for safe drinking water in the city, and the chair of the Woburn Re-Development Authority, outlined the events which prompted him to help the city clean up its act.

Woburn water notoriously tasted "awful" in the 1970s, he said. In 1979, citizens became concerned when they realized that a significant number of Woburn residents who lived in proximity to each other were afflicted with some form of cancer.

"You'd have to be an idiot not to say there was something wrong here,

and there was," Marlow said.

The Woburn water was tested for contamination and was found to have the third highest contamination of Trichloroethylene in the country ever reported, which caused the city to close the wells. "[I] decided then and there... to do whatever I could personally to make a better image of my commu-

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The Woburn panel, left to right, Robert Dever, Jack Marlow, Daniel Winograd, and Cynthia Brooks.

## Lincoln-Filene updates website, expands center's programming

by BROOKE MENSCHEL  
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The Lincoln-Filene Center will be one of the first groups to find out the results of tomorrow's mayoral primary, and will then serve as a means to inform Tufts students and community members alike of the results.

The Lincoln-Filene Center (LFC) holds an interest not only in the election, but in the majority of the local politics and events. The goal of the center, according to its web site, is "to increase the will and capability of individuals and organizations to build healthy communities through active citizenship and public service."

The center is presently working on a variety of projects to help to achieve this goal. One of the biggest projects is the development of a new website. The new website will be found at the same address as the old LFC homepage, [ase.tufts.edu/lfc](http://ase.tufts.edu/lfc).

The LFC is presently working on a number of events and projects. In two weeks, the LFC will be hosting a forum to facilitate student discussion with community members. The panel for the forum, to be

held at 7 p.m. on April 10 in Alumnae Lounge, will be made up of a local business entrepreneur, a political entrepreneur, a social entrepreneur, and possibly a Tufts professor.

A major LFC project slated for completion is "K-16 Partnerships: A Pathway to Improving Teaching and Learning" series. The series, which began this past February and concludes April 8, is focused on improving partnerships between local schools and the University. The April 8 seminar will encourage Tufts students to look at their own site and plan a strategy for developing a partnership.

Another program run through the LFC in conjunction with the Neighborhood Reinvestment Training Institute (NRTI), is the Management and Community Development Institutes (MCDI). The Institute, which will take place on June 2-4, will consist of 28 courses in leadership and management, community building, economic development, affordable housing development and management, neighborhood planning, and home ownership promotion.

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## On-site observatory suggested by prof

by CAROLINE WOLTER  
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When William Waller came to Tufts two years ago as a visiting associate professor of astronomy, he said that he was "astonished to find that a University as venerable as Tufts did not have a campus observatory." Since then, Waller has been researching and promoting the possibility of building an on-campus observatory to augment astronomy and engineering classes.

Waller's contract, however, will terminate on June 1 of this year, and with it may go the possibility of any additions to the astronomy department.

Waller brought his proposal to physics and astronomy department chair David Weaver and to Dean of Arts and Sciences Susan Ernst, both of whom expressed their reluctance to commit University resources to a facility given the possibility that it might be used by only one member of the faculty.

Weaver said he did not think that the observatory would come to fruition any time in the near future. "[Waller] has done some preliminary research on the subject and perhaps at some later date, when the renovation and expansion of Robinson Hall comes to the fore, it could be considered," Weaver said. "But the timetable for renovating Robinson Hall is probably five to ten years in the future."

According to Waller, however, other members of the astronomy faculty and some engineering professors would be able to make use of an observatory located on campus.

"The technology is available now at reasonable prices," Waller said. "The observatory can be current enough to do real research with." He added that once funding is in place and contracts are drawn, it would take less than a year to build the observatory.

A campus observatory would cost Tufts an estimated \$175,800. The National Science Foundation would provide a \$100,000 grant, to

be matched by the University. This price tag includes telescope, mount, dome, observing room, and computers with instrumentation. Not included, however, is the cost of maintaining and staffing such a facility.

In order to run the observatory, a faculty member or other staffer would be required to serve as director on at least a part-time basis. Over a 25-year period, Waller estimates that salary to amount to \$1 million. He likens the situation to the film *Field of Dreams*, saying, "If you build it, they will come. But in order to use it, you've got to have the manpower."

Waller has distributed his proposal to colleagues in his and other departments, and gauges their responses as "favorable, for the most part."

Some members of the faculty apparently feel that the money spent on the observatory would be better spent sending qualified students to world-class observatories.

Waller disagrees, saying "not as many students would have access to those trips as would benefit from an on-campus observatory."

Waller feels that students taking astronomy courses, which is the most popular way to satisfy the natural sciences distribution requirement, would get the most use out of the facility. He added that in addition to enhancing current courses, a campus observatory would enable a new course to be added to the curriculum.

This course would be entitled "Observational Astronomy," and would give students hands-on experience gathering and analyzing data. He likened this visceral experience to the required chemistry and biology labs currently in practice.

An observatory would also be open to the public on certain nights of the week and for astrological events. "It's a visible way of informing the Tufts community and beyond that Tufts is interested in the universe beyond Tufts," Waller said.

"Astronomy is one of the most attractive sciences for the general public. It would be a wonderful way for Tufts to provide a service to the general community. Such a facility would highlight Tufts' mission of higher learning," he said.

In an attempt to gauge student interest in a campus observatory, Waller distributed a survey to his two astronomy classes: "Concepts of the Cosmos" and "Stellar Astrophysics."

The responses indicated that students are in favor of building an observatory on the Medford campus, as opposed to either building one on the Grafton campus or purchasing a portable observatory. Students also prefer the observatory to the idea of sending a few qualified students to world-class observatories.

Tufts already owns one telescope, a portable eight-inch Celestron reflector with solar filter, that Waller brings out on clear

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## News Briefs



### Body is identified as missing 15-year-old; 2nd body found

SONORA, Calif. — A body found in the scenic Sierra foothills was identified Friday as Juliana Sund, a 15-year-old who vanished on a Yosemite vacation, and investigators said the second body found 30 miles away in a charred rental car was likely 16-year-old Silvina Pelosso, her friend from Argentina.

Authorities identified the victims one day after Juliana Sund's body was discovered on a vista point overlooking Don Pedro Reservoir outside Sonora.

The girls vanished more than a month ago along with Juliana's mother, Carole Sund, whose charred body, also found in the rental car, was identified last week.

A task force of two dozen FBI agents and local investigators is continuing a massive manhunt to identify the killers.

"The investigation is proceeding at a very intensified rate," said Tuolumne County Sheriff Richard L. Rogers.

Rogers said DNA testing was used to tentatively identify Silvina, an Argentine exchange student who had been staying with the Sunds at their Eureka home.

Investigators confirmed Juliana's identification through dental records. Authorities released no details about the cause of death, or how they discovered her body.

"We will bring all available resources to bear in order to solve this horrible crime," said FBI Special Agent James M. Maddock of Sacramento, vowing to bring to justice "those responsible" for the triple slayings.

### California democrats rally 'round the flag

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Swaggering and a bit swell-headed, California Democratic activists gathered on a radiant Saturday to celebrate recent triumphs and a hopeful future, their mood undimmed by the absence of a president detained by war.

Hearing from a Democratic governor for the first time in more than 16 years, the spirits of roughly 2,000 state convention delegates matched the lustrous day outside, despite warnings their political good times may not last. "It's a short-term lease," Gov. Gray Davis said of Democrats' dual hold on the governorship and Legislature. "And it is subject to revocation if we do not perform responsibly."

San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown cautioned, "If we fall asleep in the year 2000, on the thought that 1998 was a high-water mark, then we are doomed to the experience we had in (the GOP landslide of) 1994."

Those admonitions failed, however, to deflate the near-giddy atmosphere that pervaded the first state party gathering since Democrats' huge triumph last November. The hard-core roared at jabs against Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the early GOP presidential front-runner, and fairly dared any Republican to take on incumbent Democratic US Sen. Dianne Feinstein.

With President Clinton a last-minute scratch because of the NATO bombing of Yugoslavia, Tipper Gore came bearing the administration banner, touting the accomplishments of the president and, not incidentally, "my husband" — the vice president and White House hopeful, Al Gore.

### Renault to buy large stake in Nissan

TOKYO — Renault SA of France signed a \$5.4 billion agreement Saturday to become the largest shareholder in ailing Nissan Motor Co., underscoring the weakening of industrial Japan and the merger mania gripping the auto industry.

The deal is a risky venture for Renault, given Nissan's precarious financial status, which includes \$21 billion in debt, according to Nissan. Analysts question whether Renault will have enough authority to force needed restructuring changes on Nissan, Japan's second-largest automaker. The agreement also is a dramatic come-down for the company profiled by David Halberstam in his 1986 bestseller, "The Reckoning," as the symbol of the mighty Japanese auto industry.

Nissan, mired in massive debts and falling sales, has been frantically searching for a foreign investor. Warnings that automakers without partners might not survive future competition were triggered by last year's merger of Daimler-Benz AG and Chrysler Corp. and Ford Motor Co.'s purchase this year of the car division of Sweden's AB Volvo.

Nissan and Renault officials said the partnership will create the world's fourth-largest automaker, behind General Motors Corp., Ford and Toyota Motor Corp. But Nissan President Yoshikazu Hanawa stressed that this is not a merger. Each company will "maintain its own corporate strategies," he said.

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## The Daily Extended Forecast

TODAY



Partly cloudy  
High: 56; Low: 38

TOMORROW



Windy, chilly  
High: 54; Low: 40

WEDNESDAY



Not cloudy, partly  
High: 62; Low: 40

After a grey start, look for a sunny afternoon with temperatures rising into the 50s. An even bigger warm up may be on tap for later in the week!  
—Weather report provided by Daily Editor Andrew Freedman

## Univ. of Penn graduate falls to his death at fraternity house

PHILADELPHIA — A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania was found dead early Sunday after falling to his death at a fraternity house on campus, police said.

School officials say it's clear that 26-year-old Michael Tobin, a 1994 university graduate who was in town to celebrate an alumni reunion for members of Phi Gamma Delta, fell to his death. A medical examiner's report confirmed Monday that Tobin died from head and

internal injuries believed to have been sustained when he tumbled accidentally down a flight of stairs leading to the basement.

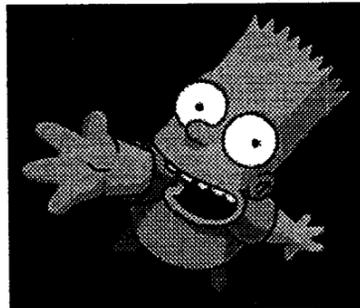
Though it will be weeks before the results of toxicology tests are confirmed, a preliminary investigation suggests alcohol played a role in Tobin's death, said Ken Wildes, Penn's director of communications.

"Friends of Michael's have told (university) officials and campus police that they and he had been

drinking at several locations during the hours prior to Michael's death," Wildes said.

Two former fraternity members found Tobin's body around 6:30 a.m. Sunday. Campus police and university officials continued questioning fraternity members about the incident Monday, Wildes said. School officials also want to know if the fraternity violated any of the university's alcohol policies over the weekend.

## I really need you...



...to host a prospective student for  
**April Open House (Nights of 13, 14, 15).**

If you live in a staffed residence hall and want to be a major reason why a student would enroll at Tufts, please fill out a host info sheet found at the Admissions Office or in the Info Booth. More 411? Call Lad at x5195 or ldell@infonet.tufts.edu

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Thursday, April 1  
9 - 10 p.m.

# Features

## It's impossible to have too many shoes

Whenever I go shopping, I can't help being drawn to one section of the department store — the shoes. I don't know what pulls me in, but I can't help picking out at least three pairs of shoes that would look good on me each time I enter a store.

### Featuring...

**Kelly Wisnewski**

There has always been a joke about women and their love of shoes, and I have to admit it. I love shoes.

I think my love of shoes started at an early age. For my second Christmas, my parents gave me black patent leather shoes. As soon as I opened them, I couldn't wait to put them on. So on they went — right over my footed pajamas.

There was also the time when I put the Christmas stockings on my feet. How fashionable!

From then on, my passion for shoes has spread. Over the years, I have accumulated many different pairs of shoes, and I could always use some more. Sometimes I wear them out, so I actually need to buy another pair. Other times, though, I just get sick of a pair of shoes and this feeling comes over me that makes it absolutely necessary to retire them and introduce a new pair to my wardrobe.

Of course, sometimes this passion for buying shoes can cause little problems. Buying new shoes can be expensive. If I want to splurge on that lovely pair of Doc Martens that happen to be on sale when I walk into Saratoga Shoe Depot — my favorite shoe store — it could mean having to sacrifice going out to the movies with my friends for a few weeks.

At home, I had this tendency to leave my shoes lying around the house. Of course, I saw no problem with this, because after all, each day I'd have to put on some shoes to go outside. Why bother putting them up in my room just so I'd have to go back upstairs to put them on when I was in a rush to leave the house? My parents did not hold the same view about this as me, and each time I brought home a new pair of shoes, I could see the look in my father's eyes: not amused.

Nothing can stop me, though. My love of shoes has even spread to my friends. Many of my best friends have tried to catch up with me in the race for the most shoes. Well, it's not really like that, but I must admit that if you got me and my two best friends together, we'd probably have enough shoes for a small army.

It's always the best when I get surprised by a new pair of shoes. For example, I went home for a visit a few weeks ago, and I saw this pair of Steve Madden shoes that went perfectly with my new pair of jeans. I happened to be in the shoe store with my mother, and she must have seen the glazed look in my eyes, because she bought them for me. What a nice present!

Anyway, my shoe collection keeps expanding and soon it will be time to put away my winter shoes and break out my sandals. I don't even want to go into how many different pairs of sandals I have. I will say that I have almost enough to go with every summer outfit I have... However, there is this one pair of black sandals from Urban Outfitters that I've had my eyes on for a few weeks.

At any rate, if my friends ever need someone with whom to go shoe shopping, they know where to look. As soon as I hear the words, "I need a new pair of shoes," my ears perk up. I'm ready for shoe shopping any time, any day. There's just something about shoes that I can't resist.



Kelly Wisnewski, a well-shod Daily editor, has a town in Vermont named after her — Wisnooski.

## Alum starts online auction site

### eBay and Pierre Omidyar, a success story off the hill

by JASON SALTER  
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While you sit in computer science class, ponder this: what if that silly idea that you and a friend tossed around the night before could turn into the next multi-million dollar Internet craze? That's exactly what happened to Tufts alumnus Pierre Omidyar (LA'88) one night at dinner with his then fiancée. Never heard of him? Perhaps you've heard of his company, eBay.

If you've been reading the news lately and keeping abreast of the fast-paced Internet commerce, you've certainly heard of the online auction house. The site — [www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com) — provides a forum for trading anything from old dolls to antiques to... pez dispensers.

Fellow Tufts alumni Pam Wesley (LA'89) was musing about the lack of prospective trading partners for her passion for Pez dispensers one night. Omidyar — well-versed in computer science and the Internet, which was still in its infancy back in 1995 — decided to take the solution online. He began exploring the possibilities of trading goods online as a side project while working at General Magic, a spin-off of Apple Computer, Inc.

Omidyar's interest in financial markets lured him to the Internet. He explained that the Internet levels the playing field between common individuals and institutional investors. Because everyone has access to the same information and instant access to goods and services, Omidyar considers the Internet an efficient market.



Pierre Omidyar

In contrast, normal people are locked out in inefficient markets, giving institutional investors an edge over individual investors. According to Omidyar, this makes the Internet a common marketplace where everyone who wants to can access it.

Omidyar found his economic theories were realized in eBay's success.

"After six months, I noticed that it was covering the cost of operations, which was pretty good. But,

after nine months, I added up the checks and credit cards, I realized I was making more at it than I was at my day job. So I quit my day job," Omidyar joked.

And thus, eBay — the world's first online auction house — was born on Labor Day, 1995.

eBay's founder was born in Paris, grew up in Washington, D.C., and has done most of his professional work on the West Coast. He credits Tufts with teaching him a great deal of useful information and providing him with a basic knowledge of computer science, which led him on a long career track before settling with eBay.

"I learned how to think about problems, rather than actually do stuff," he said. "Tufts deserves credit for the basic skills and teaching [me] how to think."

As a computer science major, Omidyar did most of his learning outside of the classroom on his own time.

"College is to really teach you about how to think. You develop knowledge from experience. Experience is the key," said Omidyar.

Omidyar expanded upon the teachings from the classroom by teaching himself how to develop applications and write programs. He recommends any aspiring computer science student to do the same.

"The most important thing is to find something you're passionate about. The classes are great, but it's still work," he said. "To be an exceptional software engineer, you need to go play and write stuff for fun. Nothing will really stick unless you have a passion for it."

After graduating from Tufts in 1988, Omidyar went to California, where the computer business was already in high gear. He worked as a software engineer mostly for Macintosh companies.

He worked for Claris — an Apple Computer company — for two and a half years before going on to co-found Ink Development Corporation. Omidyar said that the company's main focus was on the mobile computing market with pen-based computers — a market that quickly fell from popularity. While at Ink, Omidyar developed eShop, which was sold to Microsoft shortly after its inception.

As the founder of eBay, Omidyar is now a very busy and important person in the vast computer industry, but has some simple, yet useful advice for anyone who strives to make things happen.

"People will tell you it can't be done. Don't believe it can't be done unless you try it yourself and find out whether they're right," he said. "Also, find people you can depend on. Keep in touch with them — you may need them professionally, personally, or whatever. Collaboration is key."

## UNICEF concert will be tonight

by KELLY WISNEWSKI  
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A concert hosted by Traveling Treasure Trunk will be held to benefit the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) at 8 p.m. tonight in Goddard Chapel. Combining education and entertainment, the show will consist of a talk by a representative of UNICEF New England about the organization and performances by sQ, the Jills, and the Bubs. The concert will benefit UNICEF International, which works to help children worldwide gain proper education, nutrition, and medical care.

"This is our big event of the year," said Kristen Welsh, co-coordinator of the Tufts branch of UNICEF.

The Tufts branch of UNICEF is affiliated with the Leonard Carmichael Society (LCS) and is working to boost knowledge about its goals and objectives. At Tufts, UNICEF works to raise money, but co-coordinator Christina Luongo points out that raising money is not the aim of the organization on campus.

"Our focus isn't on getting money, really. We focus on awareness," she said.

Last semester, the Tufts

UNICEF branch started a new program called Trick or Treat. Members visited Osgood and Hervey Elementary schools to talk to third graders about the organization.

"We talked to the kids about what UNICEF is, where the developing countries are, and what life is like for kids their age in developing countries," Luongo said.

The children were receptive to the Tufts students. To raise money for UNICEF, the third graders collected money from people as they trick-or-treated.

"It was such a new program and it was very successful," Welsh said. "Before we had been just raising money and not interacting with anyone. It was good because we were doing something to raise awareness with younger kids, to teach them something, to teach them what we already know. It was a good feeling."

The Tufts branch of UNICEF is following a long tradition of providing aid to children around the world.

UNICEF is an international organization started after World War II to help children in Europe survive the aftermath of the war. In 1951, its focus changed to help children in developing countries.

Today, UNICEF focuses on improving living conditions in developing nations.

Many health problems in developing countries result from poor sanitation, and often diseases are spread through contaminated water sources. Funds collected by UNICEF have also gone toward providing water filters and ensuring that safe water is more readily available to communities.

Providing immunizations for diseases that have been virtually wiped out in developed nations is also a large part of UNICEF's health program. UNICEF concentrates its energies on measles and polio, both of which are still prevalent in developing countries.

Reproductive health is another issue that UNICEF is working on. UNICEF supports training programs for nurses and midwives to combat the high maternal mortality rate in many developing countries. It also promotes methods of family planning in these nations.

Combating malnutrition is another component in UNICEF's struggle for better health. According to a UNICEF pamphlet, almost a third of children under age five in

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MTV ③③	Countdown	Station Zero	Beavis-Butt.	Sift & Oily	Say What?	Video Cliches	Total Request Live (In Stereo)	Road Rules	Tom Green (R)	Blame Game	Loveline (In Stereo)	Biorhythm			
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# Arts & Entertainment

## Living life under the spotlight in 'EDtv'

by CAROLINE WOLTER  
Daily Editorial Board

Ron Howard knows how to make movies. In his newest film, *EDtv*, he has pushed the limit of

EDtv



Starring: Matthew McConaughey, Woody Harrelson, Elizabeth Hurley,  
Directed By: Ron Howard

Rating: ☆☆☆☆  
(4 out of 5)

what might be considered clichéd material and woven together a quality movie that could only be done with a veteran film director's experience and innate know-how. The result? Good, solid entertainment.

Howard has taken what could easily have been a spin-off from *The Truman Show* and made a wholly different and much better film. Unlike Truman, who woke in the morning to chime a chorus of, "Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening," Ed wakes up to rub his protruding (but oh-so-cute) beer belly and proceeds to (ahem) scratch himself. How becoming of a television star.

And that's the beauty of *EDtv* — it succeeds where *The Truman Show* fails by recreating an incredibly believable reality and uncovering the nature of fame. Ed's close friend, Joe (Adam Goldberg), sums it up on a talk show when he says that people used to become famous because they were special, but now they become special because they're famous. The movie makes a point of saying that Americans are fascinated with fame for all the wrong reasons.

So why the movie? What about the paradox — using famous people to represent ordinary people who become victims of fame? Perhaps that's where the strength of the movie lies. With an incredibly star-studded cast (including cameos from Elizabeth Hurley, Dennis Hopper, and Rob Reiner, to name a few), one has to wonder why (besides the obvious reason of money) so many big names all came out to work on one

film?

The answer lies in the one thing that all famous people have in common; they haven't always been famous. Inside every pinched, pulled, and implanted starlet, beneath every greased, gelled, and glammed-up ingenue is the person who goes home at night (okay, so maybe it's a very large home) and heats up macaroni and cheese just like the rest of us. Or maybe someone heats it up for them. Or maybe it's not macaroni and cheese, maybe it's beef stroganoff, but you get the point. All the friends and family he dragged (willing though they were at first) share, along with Ed, the burden of fame that has drawn them into the public eye.

When the True TV network is in danger of going under, network executive Cynthia Topping (Ellen DeGeneres) proposes to air a television show that is 24 hours of someone's life. The "someone" she finds is Ed Pekurny (Matthew McConaughey), a 30-something video store clerk with an embarrassingly neurotic family.

Sounds just like Truman, doesn't it? Apart from the one-line description, however, *EDtv* and *The Truman Show* are completely different movies. *EDtv* concentrates on the American public's reaction to fame. Sure, Ed loves the recognition and the free stuff in the beginning. But, as is true in any movie with a moral, when the novelty of his situation wears off, he finds himself longing for his mundane days as an average Joe.

McConaughey is perfect as Ed. Throughout the film, he keeps his mouth half-open in a charming, sort of "duh" manner that suits the character precisely. His easy nature and genuine appeal come through well in the script, and his character shines.

Paired perfectly with McConaughey is Woody Harrelson as his brother, Ray. The two are so similar in appearance and nature, it's a wonder they haven't been cast together before. Both natives of Texas, their slight drawl and goofy mannerisms are fitting for

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Ron Howard brings his personal experience to his direction of 'EDtv'.

## Director Ron Howard speaks about fame, 'EDtv', and more

by CAROLINE WOLTER

Daily Editorial Board  
Lightning didn't crash. The earth didn't move. The theme from *Happy Days* didn't even play. Ron

### Interview

Howard simply walked into the room, poured himself a cup of coffee, and made himself at home in front of the 11 reporters waiting for his grand entrance.

Howard is, in fact, at home with the press, having been in show business since the age of 18 months when he began his career as Ronny Howard. "I played on the high school basketball team," Howard remembers, "and when it was my turn at the foul line, instead of yelling 'miss' they started playing the Andy Griffith theme song."

Perhaps most famous for his work on the hit TV series of the '70s *Happy Days*, he still has the same cute "Richie Cunningham" face. Thirty years later, however, the characteristically red hair is thinning beneath his *EDtv* cap, and America's favorite do-gooder is doing rather well for himself.

With such directorial successes as *Ransom*, *Parenthood*, and *Cocoon*, Howard has estab-

lished himself as a Hollywood staple. As if there were ever any doubt. He is currently the executive producer of *Felicity* and *The PJs* and is working with Jim Carrey on *How The Grinch Stole Christmas* which is set to be released in 2000. But today he has come to promote his newest release, *EDtv*.

Inspired by what he characterizes as "thinking, unpretentious, working class comedies" such as *Muriel's Wedding* and *The Full Monty*, Howard set out to document the "phenomenon of Ed." He wanted to make a movie that was "visually interesting, not slick, but hilarious. I wanted a casual, naturalistic, and unpretentious look. The style of the movie is driven by the spontaneous quality of it — it's really about the people."

Ed Pekurny (Matthew McConaughey) is an unambitious video store clerk who agrees to allow television network executive Cynthia Topping (Ellen DeGeneres) to put his life on the air for 24 hours a day. Ed's abrupt rise to fame nearly mirrors McConaughey's own experience in Hollywood. Says Howard, "He's really been through a steep climb in terms of people's awareness of him." McConaughey was able to draw on his own rise to fame when playing the role of Ed, which seemed to come as a natural extension of his own personality.

Howard's decision to cast McConaughey as Ed was as spontaneous as some of the scenes in the movie. "Casting him facilitated a change in outlook. If we had cast a comedian, we would have had to take the focus away from the ensemble nature and make the film a vehicle," he said.

Howard attributes the first notice he took of McConaughey to his teenage daughter, who made him watch *Dazed and Confused*. When he explains this, he explodes with activity, gesturing wildly and adopting a high-pitched, "girlie" voice to express his daughter's excitement.

"When we met, I realized he's a really loose, fun guy. But he was pre-law — he's smart and ambitious so it's no accident that he's having success. There's this side of him that's just loose, earthy, natural... he's got a great sense of humor."

After casting McConaughey,

Howard says that he happened to see a picture of him and Woody Harrelson together holding surfboards. "Brian [Grazer] went into producer overload," Howard says enthusiastically. The two looked so much alike that it was decided that Harrelson would be perfect to play the role of Ed's brother, Ray.

The two Texans started working together on the script and found a chemistry that suited the film perfectly. "Matthew had not done written comedy before," Howard says. "Woody, with his Texas accent, would bend phrases and found the rhythms required to make the material real." McConaughey was able to adjust his style to Harrelson's, and brothers were born.

DeGeneres also seemed to be a natural choice to play a network executive, in light of the recent conflict surrounding her now-defunct sit-com, *Ellen*. "Ellen really loved the script," Howard says. "It was clear why she related to it. She loved getting to play a network executive — she found it rather cathartic," he jokes.

Most of the stars have had their own harrowing experiences with fame, just as Ed has. "All of [the members of the cast], Ellen, Elizabeth [Hurley], Matthew, Jenna [Elfman], Woody — who always seems to be in some kind of hot water, they all came to the movie with wisdom but also a sense of honor."

Howard has his own ideas about the perception of fame. "*EDtv* is both a fable and a parable about awakening. Fame is the new American dream. There's this perception that you can solve all your problems if you could get the spotlight to stop on you." Of his own fame, Howard likes to keep things in perspective. "A lot of it is a blast, but it's a double-edged sword," he says.

Although the plot may sound a lot like *The Truman Show*, Howard assures us it is not. After seeing how similar the idea of *The Truman Show* is to *EDtv*, Howard says, "I was concerned about it. There was this fear that people would disregard *EDtv* because they knew what it is because they'd seen *Truman*. But they're not the same movie at all — they are tonally and even thematically different."



(Counter clockwise): Ed (Matthew McConaughey) and his brother Ray (Woody Harrelson) try out for a new show. Shari (Jenna Elfman) discovers she is really in love with Ed, but when she hides from Ed and the cameras, he winds up with Jill (Elizabeth Hurley).

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## 'EDtv' is better than 'The Truman Show'

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their characters.

And, of course, there is a woman between them. Jenna Elfman of *Dharma and Greg* stars as Shari, who begins as Ray's girlfriend but ends up with Ed. Don't worry, she's not tagging along for her 15 minutes, she really likes him. She undergoes a lot of public scrutiny and is extremely resentful of Ed's newfound fame. How would you like it if there were national polls as to whether or not you're good enough for your boyfriend and if everywhere you went, strangers

gave you personal advice as if they knew you intimately? Just like Shari, you probably wouldn't be too thrilled.

As the ruthless network executive, Ellen DeGeneres has a field day. She recently experienced her own turmoil dealing with the big wigs regarding her sit-com, *Ellen*. It is obvious that she enjoyed this role, and she plays it well. Bringing some of her own quirky humor to the character as well as a few lessons in morality, she rounds off a complete ensemble of a cast.

Ron Howard bought the script

to *EDtv* four years ago — before live Internet feeds of the impeachment trial, before *The Truman Show* came out, and before we saw America's voyeuristic underbelly for what it really is.

For some, it seems truth really is stranger than fiction. Moviegoers and spectators of all genres are fascinated by reality, or interpretations thereof. Movies themselves are an escape from reality. *EDtv* poses the question: does art imitate life, or does life imitate art? How far is the public willing to go to quench their thirst for "real reality?"

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## Concert to be held tonight

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developing nations are moderately or severely malnourished. To overcome this type of statistic, UNICEF has promoted the distribution of vitamin supplements, and also has supported programs that encourage breast-feeding.

In addition to improving the physical health of children, UNICEF also works to improve other aspects of quality of life for children in developing countries.

Other UNICEF programs focus on the promotion of children's education and the abolishment of child labor. Several programs that deal with war have been also instituted, ranging from helping children cope with war trauma to removing landmines.

Tickets for the Tufts UNICEF benefit concert are \$3. The proceeds will go to the Boston chapter of UNICEF. Eighty percent of all funds will go directly to field work.

*I listen to the wind, to the wind of my soul, but where  
I'll end up, I think God only knows. - Cat Stevens*

# Sports

## Crews looks strong for season

by GABE GUARENTE

Contributing Writer

This spring marks a crew season when both men's and women's squads will stop rebuilding and

### Crew



start coming into their own. Both teams look to capitalize on the hard work that they have put in throughout the winter. Each squad promises to show fellow New England schools that it belongs at the head of the class.

The varsity women's team combines a strong blend of youth and experience, but the squad as a whole has had to overcome several obstacles in order to be prepared for the season. There are five rowers returning to the heavyweight squad from last year. This is a good turn over, but it will be tough to fill the shoes of the graduated seniors who had such a strong impact on the team last year, including Amanda Schekengaus and Meg Noble.

Coach Gary Caldwell is confident, though, that the young members of the varsity team will pick up the slack for the vacancies that have been left. Caldwell says that the core of sophomores and juniors who have returned for the spring will undoubtedly come into their own this year. Assistant coach Elisabeth Wadsworth confirms Caldwell's assertion.

"There are a lot of colorful personalities," she said, "but the team

dynamic is strong. They've all rowed together for awhile."

Another concern in the waning preseason is that the team has not been able to get much practice in out on the Charles River due to the inclement weather.

"We've really been scratching to get water time," Caldwell said. "It's been hard to get into a regular routine."

The harsh conditions have affected the way the team has prepared for the season. One day the whole squad is able to get out several boats on the river, the next day there is a snowstorm and the team is confined to doing ergs in the gym.

Also, the mix of rowers in practice has had an influence on the team's dynamic. Caldwell sometimes arranges boats in practice according to the rowers' class schedule. Thus, lightweight rowers stroke with heavyweights, and junior varsity with varsity members. "Every person here has an effect on balance," Caldwell said.

The rowers have had to adjust to many changing conditions. The team, however, has risen to the challenge. Caldwell attributes this to the experience of the rowers, the command and professionalism of the four varsity coxswains, and the hard work of an excellent training staff, led by head trainer, Mark Doughtie.

Caldwell is confident that his squad will be well prepared for their first race on March 27 versus WPI. This will be the first step on the team's road to improving on

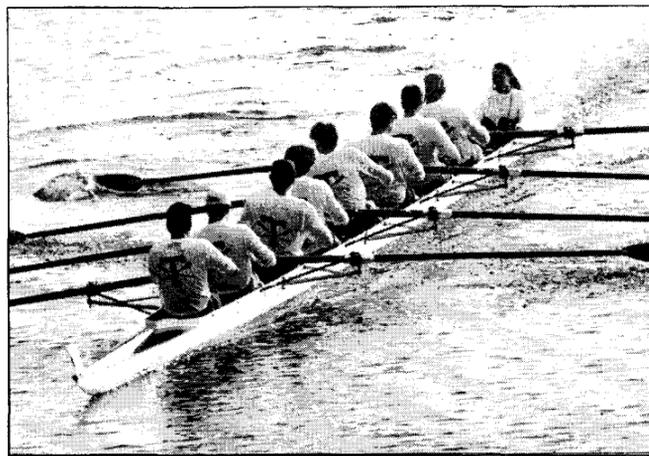
last year's impressive fourth-place finish at the New Englands. The six returning lightweights, led by senior captain Jill Mather, who Caldwell describes as "a veteran role model," look to dominate the competition.

The heavyweight squad will most likely put out two eight-person boats at each regatta this season. Captain Jessica Normand, who has rowed varsity for three years, is encouraged by the way the team has gelled this winter.

"Everybody's very competitive; we all want to work together," Normand said.

They will have their work cut out for them, though, as Williams, Wesleyan, UNH, Smith, Coast Guard, and Boston College all look to put out strong boats this season.

The varsity men's team can probably sympathize with the problems with which the women's squad has been faced. They, too,



Daily file photo

Tufts crew has been preparing for the upcoming season.

have experienced a grueling winter training session. However, since Ted Benford took over the reigns as coach of the men's team in September, the program has seen great strides.

"Over the next three years, [the men's team] could have one of the best programs in New England," Caldwell said.

Is Caldwell being overly opti-

mistic? Benford doesn't think so, but his own optimism tends to be more reserved. He realizes that the competition this year will be "unbelievably fast." Schools such as Trinity, Colby, Williams, and Coast Guard will feature rowers who have improved their times from last year, according to Benford.

The members of the men's

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## Men's tennis looks to improve on last year's mediocre season

by SARAH SCHALMAN-BERGEN

Daily Staff Writer

Held back by injuries last season, the men's tennis team has a hopeful outlook about the prospects of the upcoming season. Coming off of last year with a record only slightly worse than .500 at 5-7, the team is looking for a more solid performance this year.

Last year's team was relatively young, with no seniors on the team.

In addition, the shoulder injury of number one spot Adam Demezza forced players to play up a spot. Demezza's absence hurt the team's overall performance and led them to a fourth place finish in the NESCACs. With Demezza out, the team lost four matches in a row, all by a score of four to three, and ended with their first losing season under coach Jim Watson.

"Demezza's injury really hurt us last season," Watson said. "Otherwise, we looked really good and probably would have done really well."

"We had some injuries and lost some close matches that we might have won if we were at full strength," returning senior Aaron Strusser said. "Last year's record was abnormal; it wasn't a common year. Part

of that can be attributed to the fact that we had no seniors and we were all young guys. This year, we're returning everyone."

In previous years, Tufts has usually placed in the top three NESCAC schools with rivals Amherst and

Williams. Usually, the men's team falls in the top 20 in the nation, the top six in the East and the top four in New England for Division III teams. This year, the Jumbos hope

to reclaim that position.

"Last year, we were right there with most teams,"

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### Men's Tennis



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## Vivek Ramgopal

Welcome back all you beach-goers from warm spring breaks. I hope you know that while you were all enjoying yourselves in Cancun, California, or Las Vegas, there wasn't that much going on in Long Island. I did have a beach here, but it was too cold to do anything on it besides just toss around a baseball and warm up for intramural softball. Oh well.



### The Front Office

Speaking of the diamond, is it just me or is every major league baseball player going down with some sort of injury right now? All of the Chicago Cubs' fans were gearing up for a run at the National League Central title before 21-year-old ace Kerry Wood's arm fell off. Not literally, but for all intents and purposes, it would be a miracle for Wood to dominate the way he did last season when he returns sometime in mid-2000. Wood had an earned run average of 4.08 in the month of August, and his arm troubles were a bad omen to most onlookers. Wood was hit with the three dreaded words from team physicians: Tommy John Surgery.

I hope Tommy John patented that catch phrase or gets some kind of commission every time it's used, because we'll be hearing it a lot this year. It's easier to say "Tommy

John Surgery" as opposed to "surgery to repair a high-grade tear of the medial collateral ligament of the elbow by transplanting a tendon from wrist into the elbow."

Paul Wilson was supposed to be the ace of the New York Mets' trifecta of young arms. I won't even touch upon the other two right now — Bill Pulsipher and Jason Isringhausen. Wilson, the top overall draft pick out of Florida State in 1994, has been battling arm troubles all throughout his brief career. Last week, he got the news that he would also need the infamous Tommy John surgery. Another promising career and a shot at the starting rotation are down the tubes for Wilson, who will return for next year's spring training at the earliest.

The St. Louis Cardinals were counting on New Yorker Matt Morris to be their ace, but fate struck him down as well. Morris was 7-5 with a 2.53 earned run average in 1998, when he missed all but one start before the All-Star break with a shoulder injury. He too has been diagnosed with a torn elbow tendon. The Cards were hurt further by the news that Alan Benes will be sidelined until around the All-Star break with a bad shoulder.

With closer Mark Wohlers losing his control last year (he finished with an ERA of 10.18, walked 33 batters, and threw seven wild pitches in only 20 innings of work), the Atlanta Braves relied heavily upon Kerry Ligtenberg. Ligtenberg, who was once traded for a bag of baseballs in the Northern League, blossomed and saved 30 games for the NL East champs. Early this spring, doctors told

Ligtenberg that he too has a torn elbow ligament.

Bostonians got a huge scare this spring training when their two big names complained of elbow problems. First, super shortstop Nomar Garciaparra complained about pain when he made throws. Suddenly, there were flashes of Tim Lincecum before Dan Duquette and other Beantowners. Luckily for baseball, good ol' Dr. Arthur Pappas diagnosed the injury as just tendinitis, and when Garciaparra came back to action, Nomar hit a homerun on the very first pitch that he saw. Closer Tom Gordon also was seen rubbing his elbow earlier in the spring, but he has notched two straight effective appearances.

Other names to add to the growing list of players out for the year: Angels pitcher Jason Dickson, Padres catcher Carlos Hernandez, and Red Sox designated hitter Reggie Jefferson.

The disabled list for Major League Baseball is making the injured reserve of the NBA look light.

I think that my kid is going to pass on a pitching career and shift to first base.

Things that make you go hmmm...

Last week, someone with a high-pitched, lispy voice called Don King pretending to be Mike Tyson. The impression was so good that King showed up where Tyson was being held the next morning to patch things up with Iron Mike... So much for upsets ruling the NCAA Tournament... Last note: I'll trade a Big Mac for anyone that has Boardwalk from McDonald's game.

## Major league teams facing an arms crisis

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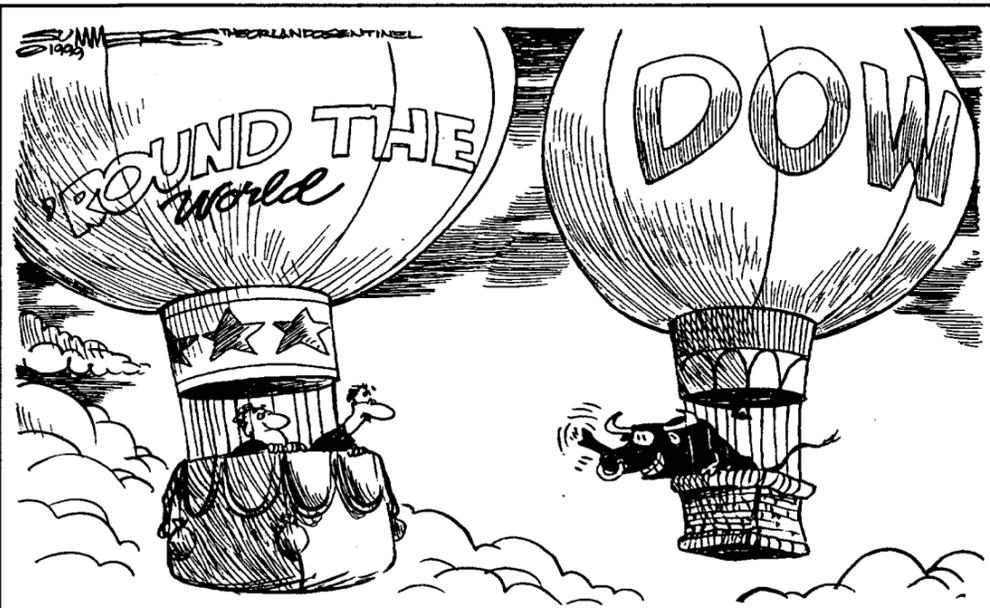
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## Off the Hill

# Students battle ban on federal aid to those convicted of drug crimes

College Press Exchange

Opposition is growing on college campuses to a provision of the Higher Education Act that withholds federal financial aid from students convicted of selling or possessing drugs.

Congress passed the provision in the fall to send a message to young drug users, but opponents say that it denies money to troubled students when they need it most to turn their lives around, that it fails to address drug intervention and education, and that it ignores other types of criminal behavior.

Many college students are becoming aware of the provision, but worry about its ramifications.

"I am a little scared myself. I know how people's names get dropped, and they can get arrested," said Hunter Russell, a junior at the University of Texas at Dallas. "My main fear is being in the wrong place at the wrong time. I could lose my financial aid. I'm pretty dependent on it." The provision, part of the Higher Education Act Amendments of 1998, goes into effect in fall 2000 and denies grants, loans, and work assistance to students convicted under federal or state law.

Students can lose at least one year of financial aid for a drug possession conviction and at least two years for a conviction of selling drugs.

Eligibility can be reinstated during the suspension if students complete rehabilitation and pass two random drug tests, but the law does not define rehabilitation, said Judy Schneider, assistant vice president and director of student financial aid at the University of Texas at Arlington.

"We are somewhat hopeful that Congress will address some of the questions and actually reverse its position and not tie financial aid to the issue," said Schneider. "We do not feel like it's an issue that should be tied to receiving financial aid." The opinion is shared by Drug Reform Coordination Network officials in Washington, who are trying to spread awareness of the provision through an online newsletter.

Student leaders at UT-Dallas and 130 other campuses are reviewing the provision to determine whether they will support a resolution to ask Congress to overturn it, said Adam Smith, the network's

associate director.

"The provision is a misguided way to fight the war on drugs," said Smith, who is helping students to coordinate the campaign. "Given the racial disparity in drug law enforcement, this will inevitably have a discriminatory impact. It will deny education to those for whom it is most vital: the poor, the nonwhite, and nonviolent young people who have had previous contact with the criminal justice system and who are trying to turn their lives around." Reports of increasing drug arrests among college students have contributed to lawmakers' frustration, but their approach should have focused on intervention and treatment, said Irma Jones, coordinator of substance abuse prevention and vice president for student affairs at University of North Texas.

"This is part of the 'let's get tough on drugs' attitude," she said. "I hope this is not a political ploy on the part of someone who wants to come up with a solution." US Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass. gave the students' campaign a boost last week by introducing a bill to repeal the provision. But it most likely will be opposed by lawmakers such as House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, who strongly supported the provision.

"Every criminal who gets funding takes away from other students who need it," said Jim Wilkinson, Armey's press secretary. "There are so many kids in the inner city that do not have access to money for education who want to get out of their situations and to make something out of their lives. To think that some students get turned down because a drug dealer gets it, is a big concern." Not all students consider the provision a slap in the face.

Jesse Martin, a junior political science major at UNT, said he has grieved for friends killed or injured in drug- or alcohol-related accidents and believes that the provision will force students re-evaluate substance abuse.

"That is not a harsh punishment at all. It's not denying them financial aid forever," Martin said. "They have the option of rehabilitation. It gives them reason for rehabilitation to help put their lives together. Their education will mean more to them."

# National/World News

## Bombing continues amid apparent loss of US plane

Los Angeles Times-Washington  
Post News Service

WASHINGTON—US forces staged a stunning rescue of a downed American pilot early Sunday, six hours after his F-117A Stealth fighter crashed during NATO airstrikes over Yugoslavia, the Pentagon said.

"I am happy to report the pilot has been rescued and is safe at an allied base," Defense Department spokesman Kenneth Bacon said at the Pentagon. "He and the combat search-and-rescue team that picked him up are all safe."

Bacon declined to identify the pilot or provide any details of the rescue effort, saying that to do so might compromise future rescue attempts. Although Yugoslav officials claimed that the aircraft was shot down by Serbian air defenses, Bacon said the cause of the crash remained uncertain.

"That's something we'll learn when we interview him," Bacon said of the pilot. "This plane was reported missing at about 3 p.m. (EST). From that time until the moment we learned the pilot was safe, we concentrated on nothing but rescuing the pilot. It is premature to speculate now on what made the plane crash."

While the rescue of the pilot provided an unexpectedly upbeat ending to an otherwise unsettling day for the allies, the loss of an aircraft that embodies some of the world's most advanced military hardware not only tarnishes the image of NATO invincibility, it could jeopardize highly secret US defense technology.

The crash of the Stealth fighter came only hours after NATO announced that it will broaden and intensify its air campaign against Yugoslavia. It further darkened an already gloom-filled day dominated by sketchy but chilling accounts that Serbian security forces might have embarked on a rampage of "ethnic cleansing" of Kosovo Albanian civilians. A year-long civil war in the separatist Serbian province has left thousands dead, mostly civilians.

President Clinton, in his weekly radio address to the nation, said the reports of continued Serbian attacks on Albanian civilians should only stiffen America's commitment to end the killing in Kosovo. "That is all the more reason for us to stay the course," Clinton said. "We must, and we will, continue until Serbia's leader, Slobodan Milosevic, accepts peace or we have seriously damaged his capacity to make war."

A senior State Department official in Washington suggested that the current turmoil in Kosovo could eventually generate as many as 500,000 refugees, or roughly one-fourth of the province's population.

The White House denied knowledge of a published report of a "forced march" in which a refugee column consisting of 15,000 to 20,000 ethnic Albanians was proceeding through central Kosovo under the control of Serbian security forces.

In Brussels, Belgium, military sources reported that despite bad weather, NATO aircraft flew 249 sorties in the 24 hours ending late Friday, focusing mainly on targets in Kosovo and the Serbian cities of Nis and Belgrade.

Yugoslavia's air forces violated the "no-fly" zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina for a second consecutive day, sending a helicopter across the border into territory patrolled by US troops with the international stabilization force, or SFOR, spokesman Cmdr. David Scanlon said in Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital. "It retreated to (Yugoslav) airspace before it could be intercepted," Scanlon said, noting that SFOR has reminded the Belgrade government and armed forces that the peacekeeping forces in Bosnia "remain ready and capable of addressing any threat to peace in this country."

Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin, sent a letter of support to Milosevic, while popular anger about NATO's bombing of Yugoslavia continued to boil in Russia. In an emergency session of the Duma, the lower house of parliament, Russian deputies made heated calls to send arms to Yugoslavia, and throughout the day

several thousand people demonstrated outside the US Embassy.

But one of the most dramatic stories of the day was the crash of the US jet. The Stealth fighter landed in flames about 30 miles west of Belgrade, the Yugoslav and Serbian capital, around 10 p.m. local time, according to Yugoslav officials. Yugoslav officials also claimed to have shot down other aircraft and to have captured two pilots, one of whom they identified as a German national. But they provided no evidence to back up the statement, and Germany denied that any of its planes had been shot down.

Serbian TV footage showed the burning wreckage of the F-117A. The pictures clearly revealed US Air Force markings, an insignia bearing the words "Air Combat Command" and an identification number, AF-806. The number indicated that the plane was from the 8th Fighter Squadron based at Holloman Air Force Base in New

Mexico.

Pentagon spokesman Bacon said Clinton was informed by National Security Advisor Samuel R. "Sandy" Berger shortly after the plane went down that an F-117A Nighthawk was missing and was updated on the situation several times before the rescue.

Earlier in the day, the decision to escalate the airstrikes came after Clinton conferred with European leaders amid deepening concern that the mission launched four days before to force Milosevic to halt ethnic cleansing in Kosovo might be having exactly the opposite effect.

In a written statement issued late Saturday, NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana said he had ordered alliance forces "to initiate a broader range of air operations" in Yugoslavia.

"I have taken this decision with the support of all allied governments, which are determined to bring a halt to violence in Kosovo and to prevent further humanitar-

ian catastrophe," Solana said.

In Washington, Leavy said Clinton met early in the day with his national security team at the White House. He then talked by telephone with French President Jacques Chirac, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, Italian Premier Massimo D'Alema and British Prime Minister Tony Blair before the decision was made to expand the campaign.

"There was total allied unity that in the face of continued aggression, that we needed to expand the range of targets, including troops in the field," Leavy said.

The decision to go after smaller military targets heightens the risk to NATO pilots who must fly much closer to the ground—and slower—than they did in the initial rounds of bombing. But alliance officials indicated that the additional risk was judged necessary in light of the disturbing reports coming out of Kosovo during the previous 48 hours.

## Gore puts best face forward in warm-up

Los Angeles Times-Washington  
Post News Service

MANCHESTER, N.H. — When Jim Craig walked over to his neighbor's house Saturday afternoon to meet Vice President Gore, he was unsure of whom to support in the next presidential campaign. Former senator and basketball great Bill Bradley looked attractive to the 47-year-old attorney.

But after listening to a casually dressed, off-the-cuff Gore field questions for half an hour, Craig

reached for a Gore 2000 pledge sheet and signed up. "People say he's boring; we might be ready for boring," Craig said. "It's not necessarily bad, even if he is."

With the impeachment saga behind him and the 2000 primary season starting unusually early, Gore is trying to make the shift from in-the-wings number two to someone voters look at as a president, someone they like. But getting out the Al Gore story has proven to be more difficult than

anticipated.

The vice president's poll numbers continue to lag behind President Clinton's, and many voters, describing Gore as dull, say they might prefer the much-vaunted political skills of Texas Gov. George W. Bush (R). Gore's challenge, his staff says, is to emerge in his new role, presenting a persona that connects with voters.

But he has stumbled in his early steps on the campaign trail, hindered in part by his own words. He

was ridiculed for claiming he invented the Internet, then for offering a Norman Rockwell-style account of his boyhood summers on a Tennessee farm.

This weekend the 50-year-old Democrat tried again, coming to New Hampshire to meet with people in their living rooms, reintroducing himself in a more three-dimensional manner than his widely known wooden caricature.

"He's not had much opportunity to meet and greet the ordinary New Hampshire voters," said state Rep. Martha Fuller Clark (D) of Portsmouth. "It will help to belie some of the images he might have that he's not warm, funny, personable. As soon as they get to meet the vice president in an intimate setting, that totally changes."

Although not unanimous, many who encountered Gore said they were pleasantly surprised by his warmth, command of the issues and willingness to put in the hours that New Hampshire voters have come to expect from candidates in the nation's first primary state.

For his part, Gore was at ease during a two-day campaign swing that took him from a bakery on the seacoast to a Grover Cleveland dinner in the rock-ribbed Republican North Country. He met high-tech workers in a refurbished mill, ate lunch at a hangout in the working-class neighborhood of Manchester's West Side, posed with three babies and shook no fewer than 400 hands.

"I didn't realize he had such a light touch," said Lib Bates, a retiree who invited Gore to return for an outing with the "Over the Hill Hikers of Sandwich."

With his trademark index cards nowhere in sight, Gore spoke about Kosovo, health care, Social Security, education, campaign finance reform and perhaps most important, himself.

"I know how to keep our prosperity going," he told about 75 people at the home of Daniel and Marcy Lyman. "I know how to tackle the most urgent challenges that we have and open up the opportunities that these young people deserve, so I ask for your votes in the New Hampshire primary."

## Apparent shark attack kills honeymooner, man stranded

Angeles Times-Washington  
Post News Service

It was a honeymoon in Hawaii Mark Monazzami will never forget ... no matter how hard he tries.

He emerged from the hospital Thursday and planned to join the search for his wife in the beautiful waters off Maui. It was there, he said, that she bled to death after the shark took off her arm.

Skeptics might wonder about such a tale. There are no eyewitnesses to the assault, and no body. But there are few doubters in Hawaii, where two other attacks have been reported recently, and where tiger sharks were hunted earlier in the decade to reduce the threat of strikes on humans.

Most of all, there is Monazzami's story, in which a tiny kayak was pitted against howling trade winds. Maui police say that at this point they have no reason to doubt the story, and they hope others will pay heed.

A naturalized citizen of Iranian descent, Manouchehr Monazzami-Taghadomi, 39, who goes by the name Mark, has lived in California for 20 years. He had visited and corresponded with Nahid Davoodabai, a 29-year-old Iranian gynecologist, often in recent years. He finally asked her to marry him in December 1997.

She accepted, and the two took their vows that winter in Iran. She remained for several months to sell her clinic. He returned to California and began the paperwork his wife would need when she emigrated.

When that finally happened last summer, they planned a spring honeymoon to the scenic shore of Lahaina, Maui. Monazzami, a consultant company employee and a frequent visitor to Hawaii, wanted to treat his wife to a week in paradise.

Genice Jacobs, a colleague of Monazzami, said the couple was looking forward to their romantic getaway. "He's just a really sweet guy and if you looked in eyes all could see was love and passion for his wife."

On March 13, they checked into a small condominium resort just beyond the beach on the popular corridor between Kaanapali and Kapalua, north of Lahaina.

In an interview from his hospital bed this week, Monazzami recalled how they lounged in the sun, snorkeled, and took long walks on the beach.

Others were paddling around on kayaks and it looked like fun, Monazzami said, so they decided to give it a try. They reserved a two-seat hard-plastic ocean kayak on March 17 and picked it up the next morning.

Unlike kayaks in which paddlers sit inside the shell, the seats of this version are on the exterior of molded plastic bodies. The vessel is tippy in choppy waters, but easy to maneuver and fast. In warm coastal waters, it is an ideal craft.

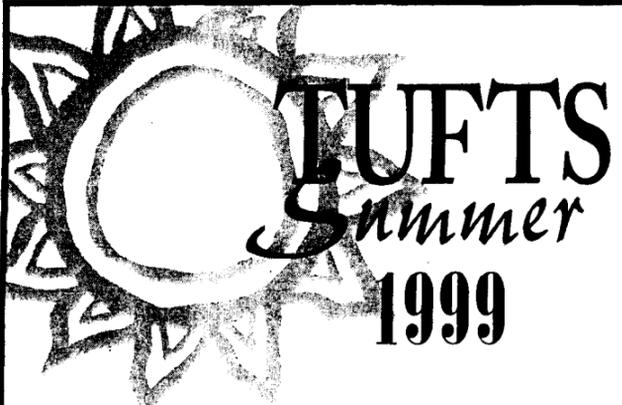
Wearing only swimsuits and life jackets, they set out at about noon in an area south of Lahaina called Ukumehame. The weather was ideal and their kayak glided swiftly across the ocean with little effort. In all, they had paddled for about three hours, Monazzami said, before taking a long rest on the beach.

Monazzami's arms were weary and he was content to remain on the beach, he said, but his wife persuaded him to climb aboard the kayak one more time. It was 4 p.m., and the water immediately beyond the beach was still relatively calm.

Offshore, a small craft advisory had been issued to boaters. From the beach, a keen and knowing eye might have seen the telltale "wind line" beyond the area protected by the mountains.

Off they went, not getting very far, Monazzami said, before a big wind "came out of nowhere" and began pushing them farther from the beach. Within moments, they were 2,000 yards offshore with nobody in sight.

Since their kayak was rented on an unlimited basis and no one was expecting them ashore, Monazzami realized that their chances of rescue that night were slim.



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## Center's activities unknown within Tufts

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Senior Mike Wang, a program associate at the LFC, explained that the idea of the panel was to allow students to interact with community members and to see the importance of communication.

"We want Tufts students to come and realize that this applies, not only to [the Leonard Carmichael Society] and the Senate, but to everyone," he said.

Wang also said the LFC is developing a newly-styled newsletter, which will be available to all Tufts students. The current newsletter is not distributed to the Tufts campus, though it is available at certain locations. He said that the hope is that the LFC will pick an issue for each newsletter and will ask two questions: what is the issue and how does it affect Tufts students?

"Citizenship is about playing a role in your community," Wang said. "I want Tufts students to pick up this newsletter and say 'this affects me.'"

The LFC was created 50 years ago with the intent to prepare "active engaging citizens." It is described in Russell E. Miller's *Light on the Hill Volume II: A History of Tufts University Since 1952*. One of the LFC's programs that is described as attracting the most public attention

is the annual Massachusetts Assembly on State Government. The program, which was held from 1959 until 1968, brought state political leaders, sometimes including the governor, and also business leaders, labor leaders, agricultural leaders, civic life members, and Tufts students together for a few days on Tufts campus. The annual result was a book published with the contents of the convention. In the past 50 years, however, the LFC has mainly been focused on work outside of the University and, despite its international reputation, its activities remain largely unknown within the University community.

"If you go into the Medford-Somerville communities, we are much more well known there than in the Tufts community," Wang said.

The LFC has gained that recognition in part by working closely with SomerVision, an independent group of Somerville residents who work together to improve the community. One of the events that the two groups have worked together on recently was the March 14 Somerville mayoral debate.

The LFC is composed of four intertwining circles, the National Institute for School/Community Collaboration, the University College of Citizenship and Public Ser-

vice, the Management and Community Development Institutes, and the National Focus on Citizenship and Democracy (NFCD).

"The NFCD is all about what can we do for the Tufts community," Wang explained. "We want to dispel the notion that the idea of citizenship is only community service." He encouraged students to become involved in community service while they are at Tufts, but then he asked, "What happens when you leave? How do you stay a part of your civic surroundings? That's what the Lincoln-Filene Center is trying to achieve."

The LFC, he said, is a semi-independent organization which falls under the auspices of the University and works with the University and the administration. "We're both moving in the same direction. We both want Tufts students to be involved in the community," he said.

Wang said that the LFC is currently working with the Senate and other campus organizations to "try and create an awareness of the Lincoln Filene Center." He believes that Tufts students are interested in issues in which the LFC is active but do not have knowledge of the organization. "People have demonstrated the will to become active in community issues," he said.

## Panel emphasizes Woburn improvements

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-ity and move my community forward," Marlow said.

He subsequently became involved in FACE (For A Cleaner Environment), a citizen's group for cleaner water in Woburn and the city's redevelopment plans, and eventually served as its chair for eight years.

The process of enacting reforms was hard, Marlow said, but a turning point was when the Reverend Bruce Young and Ann Anderson, whose son was a leukemia patient, testified before Congress and received a grant to clean up the city.

Marlow explained his motivation to stick with the effort for so long even though he got little response from government agencies or other organizations: "For me personally, this is a community I love," he said.

In contrast to the citizen's response, which Marlow offered, Daniel Winograd, an attorney at the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Woburn site attorney, spoke about Woburn from the EPA's point of view.

In 1986, he said, remedies for contaminated sites in Woburn were being developed. In an effort to save the environment and improve Woburn's image several strategies were integrated with a massive cleanup in 1989, he said.

According to Winograd, today Woburn has capped contaminated land safely, reduced the spread of groundwater, and most significantly, has been redeveloping and reusing the land at the interchange of Route 128 and Interstate 93.

This site, commonly referred to as the Super Fund site, has huge commercial potential and the city, the EPA, and other businesses have been working together to redevelop it and make it "a safe way for the city to move forward," he said.

The hope is that a large economic payoff in Woburn will ease the remaining stigmas attached to the city. "All along the way there has been a concerted effort to try to address a lot of the concerns that have been going on and at the same time encourage reuse because it's a win-win situation for everyone involved," Winograd con-

cluded.

Cynthia Brooks, president of the Environmental Trust Group and Resources for Responsible Site Management, is heavily involved in the plans to redevelop the Super Fund site.

In 1989, she said, the major players in the Woburn community "came to see that in the case of Industraplex, they actually could choose: They could choose between abandoning the site and walking away from it, and yes, it would be safe, but there would be nothing left for them. Their legacy of industry would be simply the reminder that they had to pay in spades for having enjoyed 100 years of relations with industry, or they could choose something else. Ultimately, they chose something else."

The something else that Brooks referred to is the redevelopment of Industraplex mentioned by Winograd.

"Essentially what you have is a site being converted to a major new economic center," that the city projects will add 10,000 to 20,000 more jobs in Woburn, Brooks said.

The state funding which has helped move the project along enormously, she said, "could not have happened without the leadership of this community."

Industraplex, she added, is widely viewed today as Woburn's economic future. "The city of Woburn has essentially taken this albatross and made lemonade out of lemons," she said, "and that has taken tenacity, determination, and commitment."

In closing, Brooks said, "Industraplex is also important for the city not because they can never forget... but [because there is] the need for the city to close that chapter, that very sad chapter, and Industraplex is offering that opportunity... It is a testament to the courage and conviction of a lot of people involved who had no reason to believe and no reason to trust, who chose to believe and chose to trust, and hence you have this outcome."

This panel discussion was sponsored by the Tufts Institute of the Environment and the Student Program Board.

## Construction of observatory is not likely

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days for direct observations of the sun and sunspots.

There are other observing opportunities available in the Boston area as well as via the Internet. Boston University's Coit Observatory is open to the public every clear Wednesday night and

Harvard offers observing on the third Thursday of every month from the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. Both are free of charge.

For \$7.50, students can observe from the Gilliam Observatory at the Museum of Science on Friday evenings. Harvard also offers web-based facilities as mo-

[www.harvard.edu/MicroObservatory](http://www.harvard.edu/MicroObservatory).

Waller maintains that a campus observatory is necessary, citing the observatory at Wellesley College as an example. Wellesley has a long tradition of observing, and is affiliated with a consortium of school observatories throughout New England.

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**Team faces tough competition in first week**

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junior Sen Siva said. "There's no reason why we shouldn't be able to beat them this year now that we have more experience."  
This year's top six lineup tentatively includes Demezza, Scott Roehm, Chris Fuke, Sen Siva and Adam Scott, all veterans to the team. Also competing for a spot on the team are some young talented freshman, including Dan Scali, Seth Litt and Mark Fitzgerald.  
"We have an experienced team and some talented freshman," Strusser said. "That's a good combination and we are looking to

have a really good season."  
"There are three seniors in the top six and I am really looking for them to be leaders," Watson said.  
The team has been in captain's practice since winter break and is looking forward to playing outside. Over spring break, Tufts travelled to Green Lefe Resort, just outside of Orlando, to play in some preliminary preseason matches. Previously, the men's team had traveled to Hilton Head, South Carolina and this will be their first trip to Florida.  
After returning from spring break, the team's rigorous season now begins, with three to four matches per week, including

Brandeis, Amherst, Bates and Wesleyan this week.  
"Our biggest challenge is to meet goals that we set for ourselves," Strusser said. "Our big goal is to get to the NCAA's but our first goal this season is to compete as well as we can in the upcoming matches."  
"Everyone has to stay healthy," Watson said. "They have to realize that they can be a very good team. The team also has to learn a little more patience working their points. Not every shot has to be the greatest."  
"We're really pumped to get into the season and hopefully we'll do a lot better," Fuke said.

**Crew emphasizes winning**

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squad will have their work cut out for them, but Benford and assistant coach Frank Nocito would prefer to focus on the team's own performance rather than worry about head-to-head match-ups.  
With four returning seniors (Pete Babaian, Mike Bennett, Jeff Marois, and team captain Jeff Pacuska) the drive to put out a competitive boat at each regatta will be strong.  
"We're building up to New England this year," Babaian said. It seems that the team's goals are clear. Success, however, may

simply be measured "by the amount of Ws in the column," Benford said.  
When asked how he would like to set the tone in the team's opening race next week versus WPI, Benford said, "I'd like to crush them."  
With an agenda in mind, the men's team looks to end the process of rebuilding and begin the process of succeeding. Benford emphasizes the importance of his team's mindset.  
"Being mentally prepared is what its all about," he said. "The trick is never to be satisfied. It's the kiss of death."

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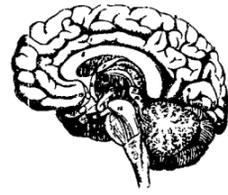
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