

## Boston-area endowments decline

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As the effects of the recession worsen, Boston-area universities are predicting grim losses in the value of their endowments.

Boston University (BU), the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Harvard University expect their endowments to drop at least 30 percent by the end of this fiscal year, and Brandeis University has already seen a 25-percent drop in its endowment. BU implemented a hiring freeze last October, and officials are now expressing concern over the impact high tuition rates may have on enrollment for the

school's incoming freshman class. According to a university report, student tuition and fees comprised 47.8 percent of the university's revenue last year, The Daily Free Press reported last month.

"The major impact will be increased need to increase financial aid for continuing students and incoming students," BU spokesperson Colin Riley told the Daily. "The university has reserves [for financial aid] and will use those reserves and increase that budget."

In a letter to faculty and staff on Jan. 12, BU President Robert Brown said that the total endowment had dropped 24.1 percent between July and November and

that figure is expected to hit 30 percent by June.

Harvard has also been hit hard. In a letter to the university's deans in December, Harvard President Drew Faust said that the institution's investment losses had reached 22 percent, or about \$8 billion, since October.

That number is "unlikely to capture the full extent of actual losses for this period," according to Faust. The university, he said in the letter, is planning for a scenario in which endowment will decrease by 30 percent for the fiscal year. "[T]he severe turmoil in the world's financial markets has

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Harvard has seen its endowment drop in value by billions of dollars.

## YET event brings together students from local colleges

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Venture capitalist Mike Michalowicz shares his thoughts on entrepreneurship in a Friday presentation in Ballou Hall.

"Who wants to be a multimillionaire?" venture capitalist Mike Michalowicz asked a group of students gathered in Ballou Hall on Friday for an entrepreneurship session. "Who wants to start a company that is known the world over?"

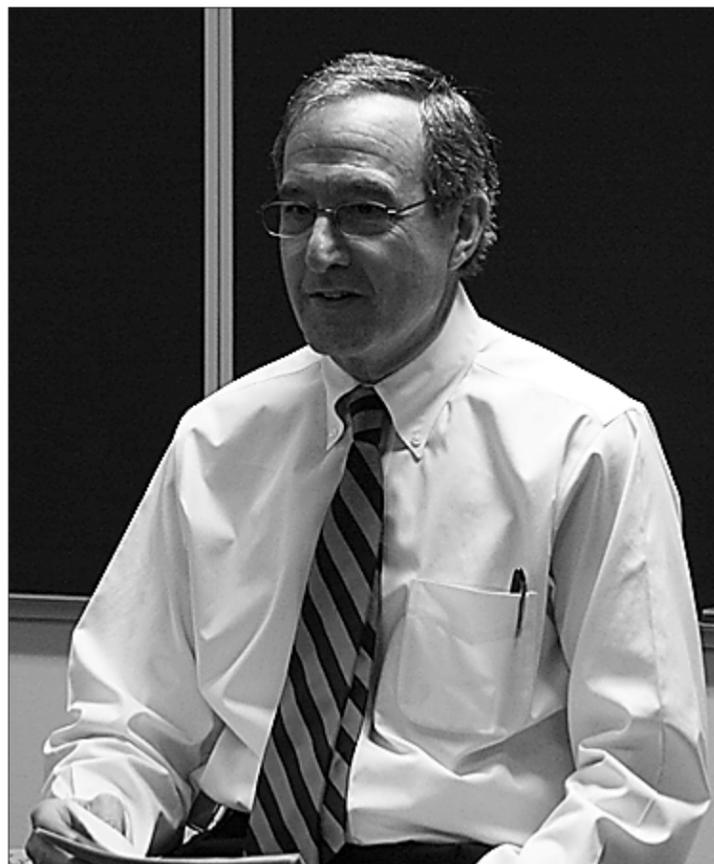
The event, sponsored by Young Entrepreneurs at Tufts (YET), examined how students can succeed even as the current economic recession complicates startup initiatives.

YoungbusinesspeoplefromTufts, Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Babson College attended the gathering, which featured presentations from Michalowicz and a number of students.

Michalowicz, who has started three multi-million-dollar companies and now runs a venture capital firm, drew on his own experiences to offer advice to attendees. In particular, he stressed the need for young people to have confidence in themselves.

"When you believe you are excellent at something, you will act like

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Experimental College instructor Jeff Simon teaches his course, "Power of Persuasion," on Feb. 26. Simon will oversee Massachusetts' infrastructure spending stemming from the federal stimulus package.

## Simon: stimulus may create jobs

BY ROB SILVERBLATT  
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On the heels of a report showing a sharp unemployment spike in the Bay State, Gov. Deval Patrick's pick to oversee infrastructure spending from the stimulus package expressed confidence in the ability of federal funds to spur local job growth.

"I have never seen such an incredible focus — or the entirety of state government mobilized so totally — on an effort," Jeffrey Simon, who last month assumed the position of director of infrastructure investment for the state, told the Daily. "The [state] government has laid down a commitment to get people back to work as quickly as possible and to do it in not only a quick way, but a very thoughtful ... and competent way."

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development last week put the state's unemployment rate for January at 7.4 percent, up a full point from December. State officials hope, though, that their share of the federal government's \$787 billion stimulus package will help turn back the tides.

"I think that we will be able to put people back to work," said Simon, who will work exclusively with stimulus money. "And it's not only that person's income, but it's the taxes that that person pays, it's the goods and services that that person buys. The spinoff effects of helping someone get a job are tremendous."

Of the approximately \$11 bil-

lion Massachusetts will receive from the stimulus bill, around \$1-2 billion will be for infrastructure use. Competition between cities and towns for the infrastructure money has been fierce, particularly because the state suffers from a crumbling transportation system.

"Infrastructure is incredibly important," U.S. Rep. Jim McGovern (D-Mass.) told the Daily. "We have old infrastructure here — and not just roads and bridges, but [also] water and sewer plants."

Simon, who is also an Experimental College lecturer, is currently poring over \$27 billion in infrastructure funding requests and trying to decide how to whittle down the list, which is 8,300 applications long. He will ultimately provide Patrick with a recommended course of action.

The total value of the proposals is more than 13 times the tentative maximum of \$2 billion that Simon will be dealing with. "There simply isn't enough money to fund them all," he said.

Since officials will only be able to fund a select few projects, they are looking to maximize the long-term impacts of the spending, even as some politicians on the national level question whether that is possible.

The stimulus funds are one-time injections into states' coffers, which means that local governments may be left picking up the tab for some programs after federal money dries up.

"I worry in the long term

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Two sophomores combined for eight goals as the men's lacrosse team pummeled Amherst in its season opener.



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## This Week on the Hill

### MONDAY

#### "UNIVISION AND THE EMERGING ROLE OF HISPANIC MEDIA"

*Details:* Steven Wolfe (A '95), vice president of business intelligence for the Spanish-language media company Univision, will discuss the increasing worldwide presence of Hispanic media.

*When and Where:* 12 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.; Barnum 104

*Sponsor:* Communications and Media Studies Program

#### "MAKING SENSE OF THE SUBPRIME CRISIS"

*Details:* Paul Willen, senior economist and policy advisor at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, will describe the development and causes of the housing and financial crises, along with his expectations for the future. The presentation, part of the Economics Society Guest Speaker series, will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

*When and Where:* 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Cabot 206

*Sponsor:* Tufts Economics Society

### TUESDAY

#### "BONE MARROW DRIVE"

*Details:* The Asian American Alliance, in conjunction with the Cammy Lee Leukemia Foundation, will host a minority-focused bone marrow drive to increase the number of minorities in the national bone marrow registry. Minorities are significantly underrepresented in the program.

*When and Where:* 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., continued on Wed. from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Campus Center

*Sponsor:* Asian American Alliance

#### "DEAN'S SPRING FACULTY FORUM FEATURING SUSAN NAPIER"

*Details:* In a talk entitled "Of Owls, Rings and Grand Theft Auto: The Uses and Abuses of Enchantment," Professor of Japanese Language and Literature Susan Napier will explore the role of fantasy, imagination and virtual worlds in the 21st century.

*When and Where:* 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Coolidge Room, Ballou Hall

*Sponsor:* Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences

### WEDNESDAY

#### "A GEOPOLITICAL PERSPECTIVE — THE CHARACTER AND CONSENSUS OF ISRAELI SOCIETY"

*Details:* Avi Melamed, an expert on Israeli and Middle Eastern geopolitics, will provide an in-depth analysis of Israeli society. Melamed founded and is the executive director of IDAN, a nonprofit grassroots initiative whose goal is to encourage and empower educators to confront the leadership crisis in Israel. A free kosher lunch will be served.

*When and Where:* 12 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.; Eaton 206

*Sponsors:* Tufts Friends of Israel, Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston, the Israel Campus Roundtable, and the Consulate General of Israel to New England

#### "JOBS IN THE MEDIA: TIPS FOR SENIORS"

*Details:* A panel of speakers with expertise in media fields will provide tips and strategies for obtaining media-related jobs. Students can register at Career Services or by calling (617) 627-3299.

*When and Where:* 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Dowling Hall 745

*Sponsors:* Communications and Media Studies Program and Career Services

To submit an event to "This Week on the Hill," e-mail listings to [events@tufts.edu](mailto:events@tufts.edu).

## Simon optimistic about stimulus package

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how we're going to pay for it all," former Massachusetts Gov. Jane Swift, a Republican, told the Daily, referring to the new initiatives the state government will undertake with the stimulus funds. "People will look to Washington and Boston to have the money continue to flow ... I just am fearful that the appetite we are building for federal funds just isn't sustainable."

Citing similar concerns, a handful of current Republican governors have engaged in public hand-wringing about whether to accept portions of the funding.

But Simon firmly rejected the thought of turning down money.

"My attitude is bring it on, because these are use-it-or-lose-it funds, and if you don't meet the deadline, they will be redistributed to other states," he said. "And I can tell you that [Patrick's] administration is not going to leave one extra dollar on the table that we can bring into Massachusetts to put people back to work."

He also said that, at least with infrastructure spending, the state can handpick projects that will create growth without imposing undue future burdens.

"We want to minimize the impact on long-term operating budgets," he said. "And in lots of instances, you can do that. A paving project, for example, dramatically reduces the maintenance budget of a city or town or the state. It also has traffic benefits, has clean air benefits, has lots of kinds of benefits that ... we think about."

As Simon evaluates proposals, Medford and Somerville officials are keeping their fingers crossed.

"I want every penny I can get," Medford Mayor Michael McGlynn told the Daily. Medford's flagship request is for \$11.9 million to renovate its city yards, which have plumbing, asbestos and energy problems.

"It is not energy-efficient," McGlynn said of the structure as it currently stands. "It's the opposite of anything that is a green initiative."

McGlynn is also hoping to receive funding to do work on the athletic fields, pool and science facilities at Medford High School.

In Somerville, officials have submitted \$140,915,000 worth of requests. The heftiest application is for \$56 million for development in Assembly Square.

The project, which has been in the works for years, looks to convert 66.5 acres of former industrial space along the Mystic River into a transit-oriented community. Current estimates indicate that between this year and 2013, the initiative will create 8,000 construction jobs and 4,000 permanent positions.

Simon would not comment on specific projects, other than mentioning the nearly \$438 million that the federal government approved late last week for infrastructure

initiatives in Massachusetts. He said that a series of other announcements will come in the next few weeks.

In the meantime, local leaders are not sure what to expect, but they hope to have as much discretion as possible about how funds are spent in their jurisdictions.

"We don't know at this point what conditions or strings are attached to that money," McGlynn said of the stimulus funds. "We're looking for flexibility in the money they're giving us. That should be the goal."

But most of the federal funds are set aside for specific purposes. Of the \$1-2 billion that Simon is overseeing, for example, only a minority of the money is for discretionary spending.

According to Simon, federal agencies are still compiling final guidelines for the funds, so it remains unclear how much of the infrastructure money is earmarked.

But where the state government does have discretion, Simon promised a thorough vetting process.

"With \$27 billion in requests and \$2 billion [to distribute], every project will be scrutinized extremely carefully to make sure that it's shovel-ready, that it's a well-thought-out project, that it's in conformance with the policies of the administration, and that it will make a long-term contribution," he said.

He also emphasized that funds will make it to all parts of the state and that they will be distributed transparently.

To ensure an open process, the state government has set up the Web site [www.mass.gov/recovery](http://www.mass.gov/recovery), which allows residents to track the progress of the funds.

"That commitment to transparency — to civic engagement — is very real," Simon said.

Simon's appointment has drawn a sharp backlash from Republicans on Beacon Hill, who have argued that the state pension he receives is symbolically at odds with their goal to reform a broken payout system. Simon started getting the pension after he was fired, supposedly over political differences, from the Massachusetts Government Land Bank in 1995.

Republicans have also dismissed Simon's position itself as unnecessary and his \$150,000 salary as a waste of state money, noting that most of the infrastructure funds are already earmarked.

"What [is he] going to be doing? Because this is really plugging money into holes in our budget," State Rep. George Peterson (9th-Worcester) told the Daily.

Tom Birmingham, a former president of the state Senate and a visiting faculty member in Tufts' political science department, defended the creation of the position.

"I think that we might be penny-wise and pound-foolish if we say that we're going to save on a \$150,000 salary when we're talking about dispersing [billions]," he said.

## University endowments see drop

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affected all major asset classes in which the endowment is invested," Faust said.

Harvard's endowment funds approximately 35 percent of the institution's operating budget, covering more than 50 percent of some of its schools' expenses.

Harvard has not seen returns this severe since its endowment lost 12.2 percent of its value in 1974. Since then, there have only been three years of negative income, ranging from drops of one-half to 3 percent. In the last decade, Harvard's average investment return was 13.8 percent.

In light of this, Harvard is expected to cut 25 percent of its investment management staff — about 50 positions. The job losses will affect investment professionals and support personnel in the legal, human resources and operations departments.

MIT has seen similar problems, forcing it to freeze salaries for various faculty and staff. In a letter to the MIT community on Feb. 19, MIT President Susan Hockfield said that by the end of the calendar year, the endowment had dropped 20 to 25 percent.

"Like virtually all major institutional endowments this year, MIT's endowment has lost significant value," Hockfield said in the letter. She said the institution anticipates a decline that could reach 30 percent by the end of this fiscal year if current conditions continue.

Despite these drops, Hockfield said that many donors have still continued their support, although she warned of a possible decline in giving.

"As of January 1, 2009, cash gifts received align with the average over the past three years," she said in the letter. "However, as economic uncertainty makes future commitments difficult for many, pledges for future gifts have fallen by more than 40 percent."

To address these issues, MIT has made cuts in various offices, but Hockfield says it will take more than that. "Achieving cuts on this scale requires more than simple

belt-tightening; it demands new ways of thinking about how we can work more effectively at lower cost," she said.

At Brandeis, the overall 25 percent drop in the university's endowment has strongly affected Brandeis research centers like the Crown Center for Middle East Studies and the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies.

To tackle financial problems, the university is discussing increasing the number of students in order to enhance revenue, as well as making curriculum changes, according to Brandeis spokesperson Dennis Nealon.

"The faculty is discussing adding a business major and a special third-semester program to bolster incentives to potential applicants," Nealon told the Daily.

Brandeis announced in January that it would close its Rose Art Museum and sell the museum's entire art collection due to the university's worsening financial problems. That decision generated a large backlash and legal concerns.

The university is in the process of forming a faculty committee to deal with the situation, Nealon said. The future of the museum is still up in the air, he added, explaining that it was never Brandeis' intention to act too quickly.

Northeastern officials expected the university's endowment to even out after last October, but like officials at other colleges, recognized the destabilizing effects of the economy.

"University endowments, like all investors, have been negatively impacted by the current economic situation, including Northeastern University," Jim Chiavelli, the then-interim university spokesperson, said in a statement, according to an October article in *The Northeastern News*.

Provost Stephen Director told faculty members earlier this year that no part of the university has been left untouched by the economic downturn. "We should view every faculty position as a critical resource," Director said, later stressing that each hire would need to be carefully examined. *The Northeastern News* reported.

## Venture capitalist advises students

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it," he said. "And if you slip up once, you will slide back up again."

Michalowicz, whose company Obsidian Launch helps young businesspeople unravel their ideas, encouraged participants to trust their instincts.

"Your gut is telling you exactly what is right for you," he said. "If you feel it in your gut, do not wait. Go, go, go for it."

He advised members of the audience to develop visions for their futures, but cautioned that overly regimented plans lack the necessary flexibility.

"To get there, you need to tack," he said, referring to the back-and-forth route of a sailboat going upwind. "Only worry about what you're doing in the next 90 days, because no one knows what's happening after that."

Many attendees enjoyed his presentation.

MIT junior Renaldo Webb called the talk "very motivational."

"He mentioned the parts of the human psyche that [prevent] you from going forward on some crazy idea that might work. It taught me [that] if I have a good feeling, I should run with it," he said.

Also as part of the event, 15 students highlighted their entrepreneurial endeavors, which ranged from the creation of a jet propulsion device to the development of hunger-suppressing breath mints.

Tufts junior Greg Hering, for example, promoted his wind power consulting firm, which aims to map the potential effects that wind energy can have on municipalities and schools. Sophomore Katrina Pennington

presented her company that sells Andean jewelry to American markets.

A number of students talked about Web-based businesses. One featured site allows students to build packs of vocabulary flash cards; another lets teachers collaborate with students and share resources with them.

In the face of an economic downturn, other initiatives focused on financial issues, like a Harvard project that facilitates alumni efforts to give current students loans with zero-percent interest.

Other examples of student-led companies featured during the event include Levant Power, which markets generators that collect energy from shock absorbers, and OnLatte, which built a printer that uses caramel cartridges to impose images on top of latte and cappuccino foam.

"These people here tonight are some of the most powerful, connected, sophisticated and ballsy people," Hering said.

Still, entrepreneurs are suffering, particularly because of the bleak economic outlook.

"The success rate [is] disgustingly low," said Hering, a former YET president who founded Kairos, a national group to support young entrepreneurs.

Hering said the recession "stopped" venture capital, but that angel capital — investments from very wealthy individuals — and seed capital — investments from the family and friends of the entrepreneur — have been filling the void.

As Tufts students work to exploit these resources, Hering said that YET could provide helpful guidance.

"[YET] lowers risk of failure," he said.

# Features

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## Endowment transparency allows students to encourage socially responsible investing

Some administrators find students unqualified to handle investments

BY JULIE KALT  
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This is the second installment in a two-part series examining endowment transparency at other colleges and universities. The first part, which was printed in Friday's paper, examined what other schools have done and are doing to open up the investment process to students. Today's article will discuss the pros and cons of allowing student involvement in investment decisions.

Students often think of saving the world as taking a service trip to a third-world country, sponsoring a dance-a-thon to raise money for an organization or disadvantaged community or holding a human rights protest. Not everyone realizes that their university's endowment is another avenue for change. But students who serve on committees that advise their schools on socially responsible investing (SRI) have the power to alter the way companies do business and the way institutions approach investment policy.

Morgan Simon, co-founder and executive director of the Responsible Endowments Coalition, believes that as stakeholders in the endowment, students deserve a voice at the table.

"Investors have unique opportunities to influence corporate behavior and support the sorts of innovations for communities and the environment that society needs," Simon said. "As students looking to make a positive impact on the world, having access to a billion dollar endowment is a once in a lifetime opportunity."

Simon knows the benefits of this experience firsthand. In 2002, as an undergraduate at Swarthmore College, she led the filing of the first student-led shareholder resolution since the apartheid era and helped successfully convince Lockheed Martin to add sexual orientation to its non-discrimination policy and to grant domestic partner benefits. She has also led similarly successful efforts at FedEx, Dover and Masco.

By not engaging students in this process as much as other peer institutions, Tufts and its students may be missing out on opportunities to make positive change and learn



Several colleges and universities now allow student committees to participate in investment decisions.

about investment strategies' influence on corporate behavior, according to Alissa Ayden, sophomore and chair of Amherst's Advisory Committee on Socially Responsible Investing.

"Universities are ethical, educational institutions — read any university mission statement — it's about living out our ideals in the real world," Ayden said. "No matter how much good we do, if we are continually funding the corporations that commit crimes against humanity, the world and its inhabitants, we are undermining our own work."

She believes that encouraging open, socially responsible investing is necessary to keep up with the changing world.

"For a long time, investment has not been viewed in this way; there has been a division that deals with profit and socially responsible investing," she said. "The conventional wisdom says that SRI is antithetical to profit, but that is completely false. When it comes to long-term profitability and return, the companies that take environmen-

tal, social and governance issues into account fare much better than those that don't. Especially given the current state of the economy, corporate accountability is something that is on everybody's radar," she said.

Carmen Rose Duffy, investment associate at Swarthmore, agrees that student committees should keep colleges in check.

"The committees [at Swarthmore] were created as a learning process for the students, and [maintaining] transparency was to reassure them that our investments were ethical and responsible," Duffy said. "We didn't know that students were interested until they came to our door and asked how we do things. Transparency offered students an opportunity to learn about investor responsibility."

While these policies may look great on paper, one concern is that students are not qualified to be making such

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## Coloring outside the lines



As a heterosexual, I often take for granted the accessibility of hookups and matchmaking. I have a high regard for constituents of the queer community who live as minorities in our college hookup atmosphere. The Tufts social scene is a montage of frat parties and bars that encompass heterosexual norms. As I commonly joke with a gay friend that we should "man hunt" on Saturday nights, I have come to realize just how complicated that process can be. A queer in search of a relationship or sexual advice is often left with minimal resources.

The Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) Center is a great way to meet other queers. Their support groups make for a comfortable environment while providing a network outlet. The on-campus social scene lacks variety, as the options are Rainbow House or a queer-friendly house party. Those fortunate to own an ID are able to escape to a larger queer community within the Boston area. For gay men, Club Café is an extremely popular video bar. Paradise is for those interested in no more than a g-string and Velcro-seamed pants. For the lesbian ladies, Modern and Tribe are highly recommended to meet sexy singles. Midway Café is an excellent place for the transgender community. A themed night such as Queeraoke is bound to bring out your inner Sasha Fierce. An excellent suggestion from a fabulous queer friend is Guerrilla Queer Bar, which provides an alternative nightlife for the LGBT community. Finding a mate at Tufts comes with limited opportunities, but using social resources both at Tufts and in Boston can make the experience a little easier.

The resources available for sex and dating are more often than not geared to a heterosexual audience. It is rare to come across free dental dams, but there is always an abundant supply of cheap and uncomfortable condoms available. Finding resources about the intricacies of queer sex can be difficult. Although queer-themed TV has plenty of content flaws, shows like *The L Word* and *Queer as Folk* demonstrate ways to approach a sexual encounter. For someone new at queer sex, these shows might be helpful for getting started.

For those lesbians looking to explore sexual fantasies, Crashpadseries.com and Cyberdyke.net are distributors of strictly lesbian porn, none of that bi-curious teasing that is labeled "lesbian" porn on other sites. All actresses involved are strictly interested in one thing — vagina.

Some feel uncomfortable diving into graphic cinema, so I suggest watching Annie Sprinkle's *Herstory of Porn*. This documentary features the best and worst moments of queer porn. Because porn is not a sufficient instructor of sexual acts, the book *Lesbian Kama Sutra* is helpful and strictly for queer women. It provides more than your average scissor, so I encourage you to purchase this book for an increase in tongue teasers.

Gay porn is much easier to come by. Insertion of the words "gay sex" or "anal" will result in millions of Google pages on gay porn. But if you are looking for the specifics on sexually pleasing your partner, *Gay-sex-positions.com* provides written and visual description pertaining to the intricacies of anal and oral positions. Also, the LGBT Center on campus provides an excellent library of sex books and queer literature.

As the queer community on campus is incredibly small, these are some useful outlets to further your queer constituents and culture. As for sexual pleasure, one must never rely on the poor educational advice from health professionals and sex education teachers. Queer blogs, porn and Web sites are all useful means for sex tips. It's important to recognize the avenues accessible to escape a social and sexual environment dominated by heterosexuals. The expansion of a social network and sexual lexis can be of great benefit.

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## Tufts study analyzes the health benefits of food stamps

Extravagant dining and feasting may be associated with a grandiose lifestyle, but it's certainly not the healthiest option. A new study led by Park Wilde, a food economist at Tufts, found that families who receive food stamps are more likely to buy food at grocery stores and thus have healthier eating habits.

The study found that even when not using food stamps, families who were part of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) were less likely to eat meals at restaurants or

purchase prepared meals than families of similar incomes who were not part of the program.

Thanks to the new stimulus package, the SNAP program, which provides food for roughly 30 million low-income Americans, will be increased by 13.6 percent. According to the results of Wilde's study, this increase will hopefully provide serious health benefits for families who previously turned to fast food as a source of nutrition.

—by Kerianne Okie

## Food statistics

Household income spent on food away from home rose from 25 percent of total food spending in 1970 to nearly 50 percent in 1999.

Children and young people ages 11 to 18 visit fast food outlets two times a week on average.

Only about one-fourth of U.S. adults eat the recommended five or more servings of fruits and vegetables each day.

Soft drink consumption in young children increased by 23 percent between the late 1970s and early 1990s, while milk consumption decreased by 16 percent.

Nearly two out of every three Americans are overweight.

—compiled by Kerianne Okie

Studies have shown that those who cook and eat at home are healthier than those who dine in restaurants.

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## At other universities, students take part in university financial decisions

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weighty financial decisions. While he believes that students may be capable of making some small investment decisions, Tufts Board of Trustees Vice Chair Peter Dolan fears that students are not qualified enough to understand larger investments.

“I don’t think they have the expertise to do that, and we fortunately have alumni and trustees and donors who are actively involved in [those decisions],” he said.

Ayden agreed that students may not be financial experts, but she sees this as no reason to hinder their involvement.

“Students are absolutely qualified to make these decisions. When it comes down to it ... most people ... don’t know what a proxy resolution is or what a private equity firm actually does or the difference between a mutual fund and a hedge fund,” she said. “Engaging in responsible investing requires a sort of specialized knowledge that has nothing to do with intelligence, [but] one’s ability to soak up, process, and utilize information — everyone is capable of this, especially students who are passionate about the cause.”

Anne Murray, a sophomore at Swarthmore College who is a member of the Committee on Investor Responsibility, explained that her role has allowed her to learn about many social issues, including those pertaining to human rights and the environment.

“I think socially responsible investment is an interesting way to engage in civic action because it’s very different than the type of action that you normally see on college campuses,” Murray said. “We aren’t holding rallies or protests on these issues, but we still get to influence college policies. I truly believe that influencing the college to vote for a proposal that requires a company to make sure its foreign operations comply with a minimum set of human rights standards can be just as effective and important a form

of social action as holding a fundraiser for a charity.”

This type of student engagement could forge a new type of civic action, especially at a university like Tufts, where students have the potential and drive to make positive change.

Tufts currently has the Advisory Committee for Shareholder Responsibility (ACSR), which is intended to advise trustees on their proxy votes. ACSR members meet with Dolan and Executive Vice President Patricia Campbell.

Still, Gabe Frumkin, student chairman of the ACSR, believes that more needs to change in order for the organization to truly have a positive impact.

“As chairman of the ACSR, I know that our recommendations are presently not taken seriously, and that ... our existence does not translate to a greater sense of transparency or limited democracy related to the endowment,” he said. “[The ACSR is] three undergraduates, not the more expansive committees that other universities have adopted and successfully used for years.”

Frumkin sees this as holding back the community and believes that more transparency and student involvement could further dialogue on campus about a variety of social and environmental issues, provide an avenue for constructive discourse and active citizenship and urge alumni to donate.

“At the base of this is the lack of endowment transparency that makes Tufts appear less credible and competitive compared to peer universities in terms of working towards its educational and moral missions and values,” Frumkin said. “While our investment priorities should be heralded as the positive steps that they are, the university administration, board of trustees and community should not be complacent when more impact can be made in the world.”

Rob Silverblatt contributed reporting to this article.

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## New House of Blues will please concert-goers with big-name acts

BY CATHERINE SCOTT  
Daily Editorial Board

House of Blues Boston, located directly across from Fenway Park at 15 Lansdowne Street, opened just two weeks ago and has already hosted some of today's hottest music acts. With clubs situated in many big cities across the United States, the House of Blues brand has become famous for its multicultural atmosphere and big-name bookings.

The first House of Blues, which opened in 1992, was located in Harvard Square on Winthrop Street. Though the original club closed, its driveway, where the founders of the club placed their hands in cement, remains. The new House of Blues is bigger and flashier than the first, showing noticeable upgrades to the popular Avalon and Axis clubs that once occupied the space in the heart of downtown Boston.

Each House of Blues venue features its own unique layout. The new Boston club maintains the original design of Avalon and Axis, but the standing room floor space has been greatly expanded and can now accommodate about 2,500 people. The sides of the room have been pushed back, making space for wall-to-wall bars where concertgoers can buy alcohol and hopefully find a seat for the show.

There are also two levels above the floor: a standing-only balcony and a VIP box seating. The balcony gives a better view of the stage, but the VIP section lives up to its reputation. It costs a lot to buy one of these exclusive seats, which are not sold to the general public, but the view might be worth the expense considering that these seats are far above the floor and close to the stage.

House of Blues Boston has a restaurant open for both lunch and dinner where viewers can grab a bite to eat before heading in for the show and a large retail space where patrons can purchase House of Blues memorabilia.

The venue's owners have perfected the art of putting everything a visitor could ever need in one building to maximize profit.



Concert-goers may want to wear sunglasses at night when visiting House of Blues Boston.

Many people complain that House of Blues, owned by Live Nation, is just a corporate takeover of local, intimate concert spaces, and is a blatant attempt to drive the competition out of business.

Whatever the intent of the business, booking high-quality performers requires money, and the House of Blues has plenty. The corporate atmosphere of the venue is apparent long before concert-goers get inside. A long line of people stretches down the sidewalk as four or five security guards let only a few in at a time, while others check IDs and hand out over-21 wristbands. Despite the line, getting past the ropes is the easy part. Inside, there are even longer lines where more security guards search bags and use metal detectors to find cameras and other unapproved items.

The interior design of the House of Blues is one of its most interesting features, as the space is decorated with paintings by local artists that represent the cultural interaction

House of Blues aims to promote through music. Art covers nearly every inch of the performance space, from the top of the stage to the walls above the bar to the columns supporting the balcony. In the center of the stage is a giant logo, the highly recognizable House of Blues heart.

The acoustics of the space are impressive for such a large space, and the general ambiance makes concert-going enjoyable due to the bright and festive atmosphere. The acts hardly ever start on time, an inconvenience that contributes to the big-corporation feel of the place. But once the music begins, it is easy to forget how large the space really is, and the ambiance feels slightly more intimate.

Upcoming acts for the House of Blues include the rapper Common, a week-long stint for the Dropkick Murphys, the '90s rock band Live and pop sensation Katy Perry. Tickets are available at ticketmaster.com.

GIOVANNI RUSSONELLO | LOOK BOTH WAYS

## Antony's tragic trudge across the Nile



Out of my stereo came his startling, other-worldly voice, the sound of someone enraptured — or maybe possessed. He seemed to embody his dire ballad, rather than to merely perform it.

When music writer Barry Alfonso wrote that, he was recalling his first listen to Appalachian folk legend John Jacob Niles. But it would have been just as appropriate if written about Antony Hegarty, the transcendental singer of Antony and the Johnsons.

In 1959, Tradition Records put out "An Evening with John Jacob Niles," a collection of folk songs performed, inhabited and stretched to frightening limits by the so-called Dean of American Balladeers. It was Niles' second record on the label. Fifty years later, Antony and the Johnsons have just released their second album on the Secretly Canadian label, the stunning and stirring "The Crying Light" (2009).

If you're concerned with concretes like era and instrumentation, you'll find little tying these two albums together. But after one listen to both singers, with their unnerving tremolos and haunting high notes, the bond is undeniable.

Niles was a dulcimer-toting Appalachian folk musician, albeit a notably worldly one. Antony, meanwhile, is a British bandleader with an expert group of musicians providing a bright, floating landscape for his elegiac vocals. Still, the two artists' ultimate effects are similar.

Eager genre labelers have done their best to fit Antony's music into categories, often calling it baroque pop or folk. It's neither, of course, but the roots of such brandings are apparent. The Johnsons sound nothing like a rock band and everything like a mini pit orchestra backing some arty off-Broadway musical; the baroque tag grows out of this. The folk categorization comes from the music's soft, acoustic bent and the fact that it all revolves around Antony's storytelling. After all, it is more common in today's alt-pop world for lyrics to play second fiddle to the music's overall aesthetic. Most reviewers, unfortunately, give only cursory attention to the lyrics when discussing new music. Antony and the Johnsons make this an impossibility.

Antony's poetry would be beautiful with or without his emotive vibrato. Some of the songs on "The Crying Light" have a puzzling, shrouded quality that can liberate and empower the listener. On "Kiss My Name," for instance, Antony weeps, "And my tears have turned to snow/ I'm only a child/ Born upon a grave/ Dancing through the stations/ Calling out my name." In other instances, his songs' understatement and brevity render them all the more revealing. On the title track, Antony sings, "Inside myself/ The secret grows/ My own shelter/ Agony goes/ Crying light, the crying light/ I was born to adore you."

Niles was never opaque. Nevertheless, the folk songs he interprets and the way he presents them can be as eerie and obsessively fatalist as Antony's work. For instance, "The Black Dress" is a tale of a "forlorn" and "forsaken" young bride that Niles, with the force of his voice, puts into a frightening, nocturnal fantasy world, and the wistfulness of "The Turtle Dove" feels like a clear predecessor to Antony's songs of emptiness. But Antony goes further than Niles. He does not simply sing about past tragedies or loss in the traditional sense; his forborne malaise seems to reach into the future. It feels as if it could continue indefinitely.

A compelling and especially poignant side of Niles comes out when he sings his most famous original songs, such as "Go 'Way from my Window" (yes, that's what Dylan was referring to) and "I Wonder as I Wander." Unfortunately, you will have to look deeper into his largely inaccessible catalog to find these — the easiest way to do so is on another Tradition Records LP, "I Wonder as I Wander" (1957).

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MOVIE REVIEW

## 'Street Fighter' doesn't stand a fighting chance

BY DEVIN TOOHEY  
Senior Staff Writer

It is not easy to critique "Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li" without feeling bad for it; it's like reviewing

**Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li**  
☆☆☆☆☆  
Starring **Kristin Kreuk, Chris Klein, Michael Clarke Duncan**  
Directed by **Andrzej Bartkowiak**

a four-year-old's drawing of his family. This movie is so terrible that it's not "so bad it's good." It's so bad that it goes past good, past bad, and to "arranging the contents of a trash can would have been a better use of two hours."

The film feels as though a 13-year-old boy watched "Batman Begins" (2005), thought it was the best movie ever, and then decided to improve upon it by replacing the characters with those from the "Street Fighter" video games. Unfortunately, because of this transposition, the film's logic completely fails. Characters move as if they are being pulled by strings; not one has any discernable motivation.

Chun-Li (played by Kristin Kreuk) is a concert pianist who lost her father at an early age, feels that there are great injustices in the world, and recently lost her mother as well. Her lack of direction is spelled out



"I just killed my career, didn't I?"

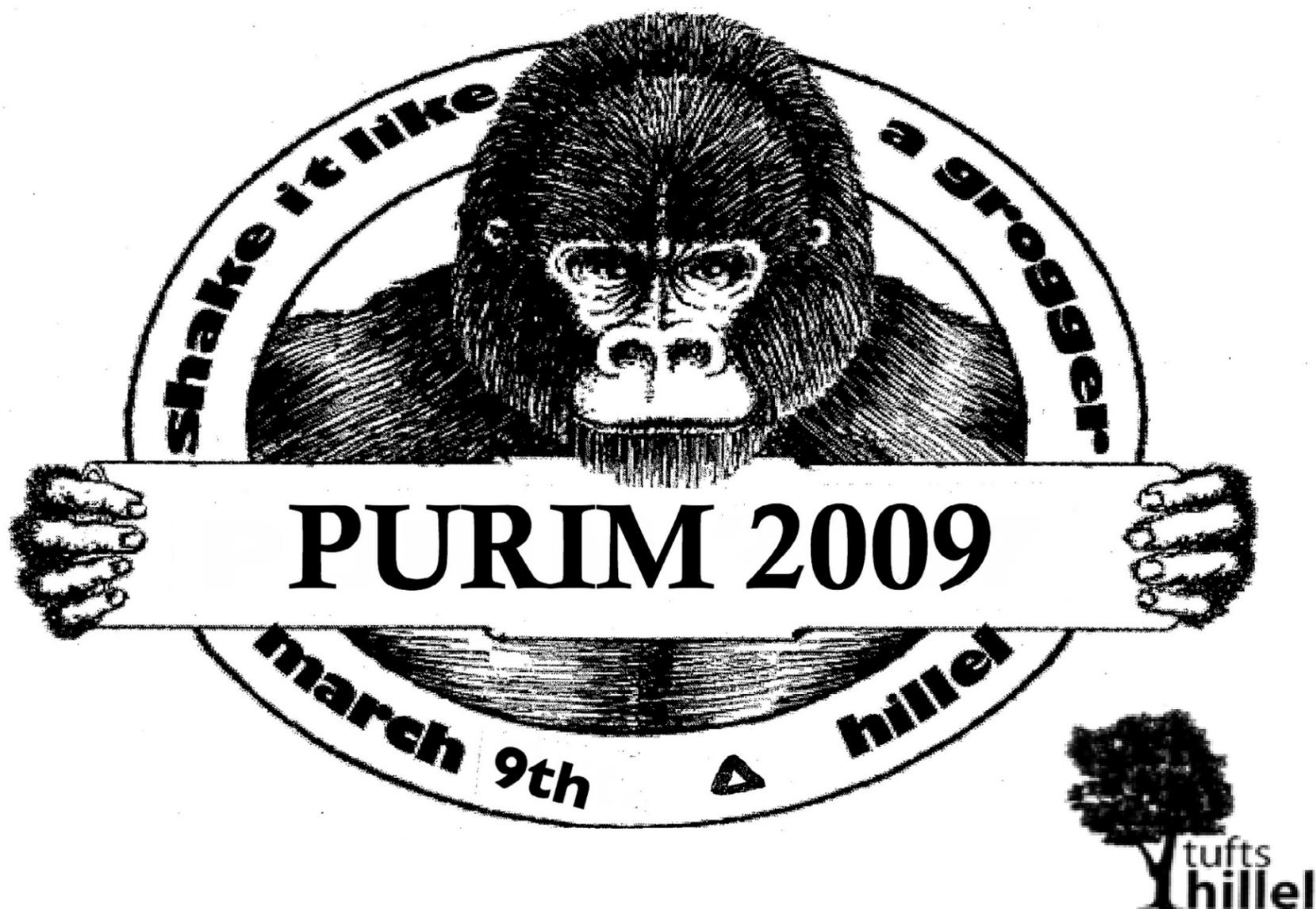
through such poetic voiceovers as, "The path in front of me was empty. I couldn't help feeling like I was being led somewhere new. Was this mysterious scroll a message?"

So what does she do? Go to Bangkok, of course! This choice is somewhat understandable in the scheme of things, since an old lady

who talks like a fortune cookie — a trait shared by many characters in the film — told her to do so. Once in Bangkok, though, her choice to live as a vagrant out of some mysterious sense of duty is never explained. Thankfully, despite the montage of

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Jewish food bank in Boston!**

## Many lines in 'Street Fighter' seem to be lifted from fortune cookies

### FIGHTER

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rough living, she remains as pretty and physically fit as ever.

Watching Kristin Kreuk as Chun-Li is like watching a requiem for her career. She proves that she really has one mode: anxiously confused (or perhaps confusedly anxious). Her voiceovers, as the aforementioned quote implies, are painful, and she delivers them in a voice so breathy that she must have engaged in sexual activity before reading each line. Even worse, the movie continuously spends far too much time attempting to put pathos into Chun-Li's plight when the acting and the script make emotional investment as unappealing as a financial investment in AIG.

She finally encounters Gen, a cross between Liam Neeson's character in "Batman Begins" and Morpheus from "The Matrix" (1999) but with no personality. He teaches her the ways of the Force or whatever it is. Chun-Li soon learns how to fight in a way that looks like a cross between the choreography of "High School Musical" (2006) and "Chicago" (2002) and the combat of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" (2000). The scenes look like they were directed by the sick love-child of Christopher Nolan and Baz Luhrmann.

Oh, and Chun-Li can shoot energy balls. No, that's never really explained.

After her training, Chun-Li fights M. Bison (Neal McDonough), the evil crime lord who sold his soul for a fake Irish accent, which won't

be discussed here. Also not discussed will be M. Bison's henchman, Balrog (Michael Clark Duncan), whose performance gives a similar sensation that viewers feel watching Kreuk, i.e. a priest closing the coffin on a promising actor's career.

*Watching Kristin Kreuk as Chun-Li is like watching a requiem for her career.*

Besides the aforementioned atrocities, the film also suffers a myriad of other problems, such as its complete lack of logic when it comes to language; it goes half and half with subtitles and spoken English, often with one character speaking in English and another replying in Chinese. There is pointless intrigue that feels as ridiculous and tacked on as the low plot in an Elizabethan drama. There's the fact that, though the movie is set in Bangkok, almost every character is white. There's a contrived scene of girl-on-girl flirtation which leads to the film's only saving grace, a ridiculous and fun catfight set in a bathroom. And finally, the movie strings viewers along on a mystery, which they won't care about.

Not only will viewers be bored by this exercise in adaptations that should not have happened, but they will be confused as well. "Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li" fails on all levels.



### Top five albums

The following are the top five albums played by the DJs at WMFO during the past seven days:

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IRISHMUSICCENTRAL.COM  
My Bloody Valentine: "Glider - EP"  
Sire/London/Rhino, 1990.

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AMAZON.COM  
Beta Band: "The Best of the Beta Band"  
Astralwerks, 2005.

3



AMAZON.COM  
Scarce: "Tattoos and Parades"  
Independent, 2008.

2



AMAZON.COM  
N.A.S.A.: "Spirit of Apollo"  
Anti, 2009.

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AMAZON.COM  
U2: "No Line On The Horizon"  
Interscope Records, 2009

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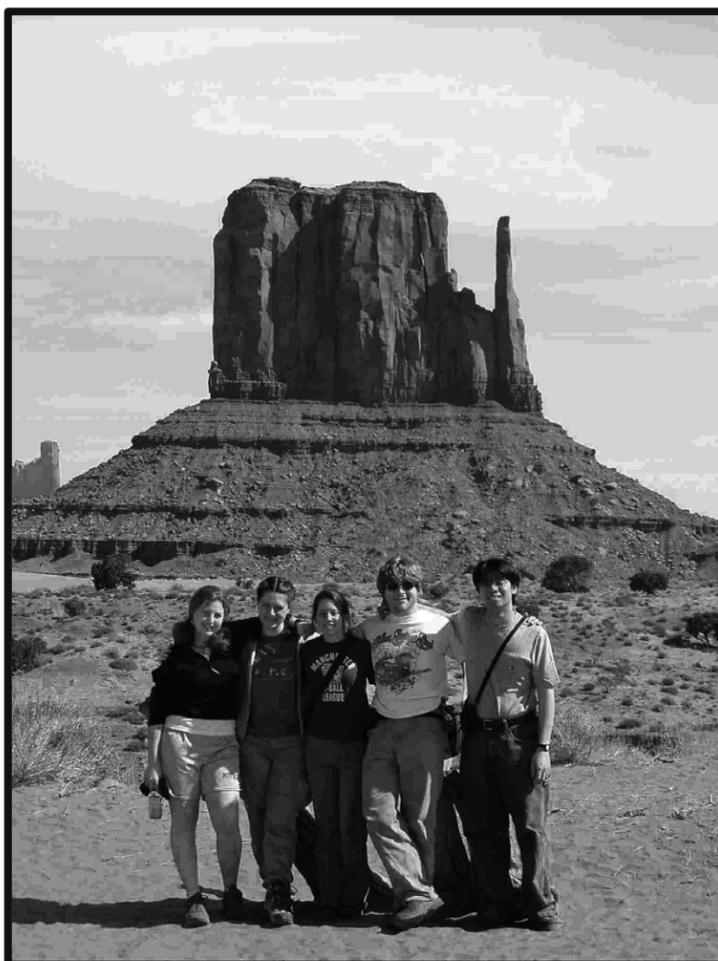
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## EDITORIAL

## Palling around with diplomacy

In an interview with The New York Times on Friday, President Barack Obama stated that he believes the United States is losing the war in Afghanistan and that he would be open to having the U.S. military negotiate with more moderate members of the Taliban, hopefully imitating the success of negotiations with Iraqi Sunni militants. This does appear to be an enactment of one of Obama's most controversial campaign promises — namely, to be open to negotiations with “terrorist” countries without preconditions — and while it is certainly still a large unknown, it is certainly a step toward stabilizing Afghanistan.

With the beginning of the war in Iraq in 2003, much of the attention that was devoted both militarily and politically to Afghanistan, the Taliban and al-Qaeda in the aftermath of Sept. 11 shifted to Saddam Hussein and Iraq, especially when the situation in Iraq didn't clean up

quite as nicely as was hoped. Much of the trouble in controlling Afghanistan stems from the fact that the country is in many ways disunited with a range of views and loyalties to tribes, governments and ethnicities. President Obama hopes that in opening talks with the Taliban, as General David Petraeus did with Sunni “radicals,” he will be able to isolate and negotiate with more moderate and open members of the Taliban and its supporters to bring peace and stability to Afghanistan and understanding between Afghanistan and the United States.

We at the Daily wholly support President Obama's openness to talks with an “enemy” of the United States — if nothing else, these potential talks present an opportunity to promote understanding, if not agreement, and respect, if not friendship. President Obama's openness to dialogue, for those who are in agreement with Gov. Sarah Palin's accusations during the

presidential campaign that President Obama would be “palling around with terrorists,” shows the world that his administration really is committed to reaching out and closing the cultural and political gaps that provide support for organizations like al-Qaeda. It is a demonstration that Obama is willing to go beyond rhetoric and catchphrases and bring the change he advocated for during the presidential race.

It is through the use of dialogue, the promotion of understanding, and the openness to both that the United States can hope to resolve the issues that still fester in Afghanistan and maybe, with some luck, lessen the grip of extremism and fundamentalism that clouds negotiation and taints political relations. And while this is certainly not a guarantee of peace, negotiations or even talks between the United States and Afghanistan, it is at least a step in the right direction.

ERIN MARSHALL



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The article “Vegetarians do it with unclogged arteries,” printed on March 6, was missing an important perspective: that of the animal liberation movement. PETA's recent advertising, much of which is centered on the idea that vegetarians have better sex, has generated much criticism from feminists. Because these ads depict scantily clad, sexualized women, the critics argue that the ads contribute to our culture's dehumanization of women. This may be true; however, PETA's advertising strategies deserve critique for a more clearly defined reason: They have nothing to do with vegetarianism.

PETA's banned Super Bowl commercials, “Veggie Love” and “Milk Gone Wild,” both feature pretty women and a complete lack of information about animal issues. Even the literature on PETA's Web site is missing a complete rationale for animal liberation. Its argument: “Animals are not ours

to exploit.” While this makes a nice sound bite, any omnivore with critical thinking skills could simply respond: “Why not?” Arguments for animal liberation are varied, but perhaps the most convincing one is that our current practices of animal agriculture cause more harm (to farmed animals and to the environment) than they do us good. This or any rationale is missing from much of PETA's advertising. Going vegan or vegetarian is a major decision, and in order for people to make it, they will need more reasons than a pretty model rubbing broccoli on her breasts.

PETA is primarily — if not solely — an attention-seeking organization. PETA's volunteers do outrageous things — like dressing up as the Ku Klux Klan to protest the American Kennel Club — in order to draw media attention and therefore expose more people to the concepts of the animal movement. Whether or not the crazy stunts actually help to inform people

about the reasons for opposing animal exploitation is a secondary concern. This strategy is nonsensical.

In this country and at this time, a PETA member would be hard-pressed to find a consumer who hasn't heard of vegetarianism, so the idea that media attention is needed because most people just haven't heard that it's possible to live without meat is incorrect. In fact, these strategies often have an unfortunate effect: People uninformed about animal issues see these strategies as evidence that vegans and vegetarians are living in a radically different world from their own. If animal activists don't take their own movement seriously, how can they expect anyone else to? There are many good reasons for becoming vegan or vegetarian, and PETA would do well to focus on them in their advertising.

Sincerely,  
Lorraine Eastham  
Class of 2011

## Correction

The Feb. 24 article “RA applications on the rise” said that 125 people applied to be residential assistants this year. In actuality, 30 current RAs also applied, for a total of 155 applications.

# In defense of the Tufts Student Fund

BY DANIEL SLATE

After reading John K. Atsalis' letter to the editor printed on March 5, I was dismayed that someone could so severely misinterpret the intentions of the Tufts Student Fund (TSF). My motivations for responding to Atsalis' letter are twofold: to address what I believe to be his underlying concerns and to correct his faulty assumptions and misconstrued view of the TSF.

To be fair, Atsalis raised some legitimate questions about the Tufts Student Fund, to which I hope to provide some long-awaited answers. The funds raised by the TSF will be disbursed through the financial aid office. These funds will not replace existing financial aid and will be used for the 2009-10 school year, and consequently, the recipient need not be a current recipient of financial aid. Indeed, it is very likely the money will go to students whose need increases drastically due to the current economic situation — need that may not have been previously anticipated and thus may not otherwise be met by the university, despite University President Lawrence Bacow's pledge. Philanthropy is an integral part of the financial aid budget. Indeed, many of us are already financially supported by the selfless donations of philanthropists. The Tufts Student Fund sought to empower students to demonstrate their support for the generosity exhibited by such individuals, such as the anonymous donor who has pledged funds in response to our efforts.

I also feel it is important to reiterate what I personally believe the Tufts Student Fund was about. This should not be interpreted as a guilt trip on those who didn't donate but rather as an expression of what the fund symbolized to me and my personal reasons for supporting it. I believe a hypothetical situation may help in this regard. Consider for a moment the Tufts Student Fund if it had existed outside of the Tufts community. In my hometown of Falmouth, Mass., the local newspaper, *The Enterprise*, sponsors a similar initiative called *The Community Fund*. The fund raises over \$100,000 every year from a community of about 14,000 households to help those in need pay their bills and stay afloat during tough times. I am always amazed to see a \$10 donation coming from individuals I believed to be least able to make such a contribution. Yet this observation speaks to the nature of this fund, and ultimately, the Tufts Student Fund: Both are profound statements about the very concept of community. To me, community is about giving back and supporting my neighbors; about overcoming my selfish tendencies and yielding to the greater good; about recognizing that what to me may be a minuscule donation can be of much greater value to those less fortunate. Though the TSF may have been viewed with skepticism due to being associated with an administration already levying hefty tuition, I believe the fund must be considered outside of this misleading and constraining context. In my opinion, the TSF was not about donating to the university, and as I stated in my letter to the editor on Feb. 26, it was not about money. It was instead about students supporting one another.

The majority of the money for the scholarship funded by the TSF was supposed to come from an anonymous donor, not from student contributions. Before that happened, however, we were tasked with demonstrating our



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support for the cause and for fellow students in need through participation. Indeed, the fund was a test of our unity as a student body. This is not to say that one who didn't contribute to the fund is somehow against campus unity but simply that widespread support for the fund would have been a profound statement of how much we value one another as well as the generosity of people like our anonymous donor. The TSF was a challenge of our resolve to recognize the economic hardships of our peers, and in many cases, as Atsalis points out, our own such hardships, and to nevertheless rise together in support of one another. Thus, in supporting each other, the TSF was also about personal sacrifice. Yet sacrifice is meaningless if coerced; indeed, one only truly appreciates a sacrifice that they themselves choose to make. Atsalis is absolutely correct in asserting that we have the right to do what we choose with our money, and I understand and respect the decisions of those, including Atsalis, who chose not to donate. Further, as someone who works 60-hour weeks from the day I return home in May to the day I leave for school at the end of August, I also fully understand the non-trivial nature of other students' personal assets. That being said, I personally believe that the Student Fund represented a golden opportunity for our community to demonstrate our wholehearted support for one another and for those whose donations, big or small, enable many of us to attend this university.

Finally, Atsalis raises the larger and more general question of whether we, as students, should be responsible for supporting the tuition of other students on top of paying the same hefty tuition ourselves. However, if we are so naive to think that paying tuition exempts us from our obligations to take care of one another, we can only expect to create around us a community with more problems than solutions. Mortgage payments, taxes and utility bills will soon be a fact of life for us all just as tuition is for us now. We cannot allow the mere fact that we all have other personal expenses to become an excuse for not giving back to our community. That is not to say that the Tufts Student Fund was the only way we can give back to our community; it's not. Giving back need not take a monetary form. Yet I don't believe that Atsalis' assertion that tuition-paying students should not be responsible for supporting each other is a valid excuse for refusing to donate to the Student Fund.

I hope this has served to clarify the questions that Atsalis raised surrounding the Tufts Student Fund. To all those who generously donated to or supported the fund over the past few weeks, I would simply like to say: Thank you.

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## TCU Senate windfall should support need-blind admissions

BY LOUIS EDGAR ESPARZA  
AND EVA SKILLICORN

We remember Jodie Nealley, and we were even Facebook friends with Ray Rodriguez until he (apparently) deleted his account. They were fun and funny, though clearly they were keeping something from us that we did not learn about until years later in these very pages. We were saddened and disappointed when we heard the news of the embezzlement, but we congratulate the university administration for the quick and fair manner in which it has dealt with the legal matters, the internal staff shuffling and the remuneration of funds to the Tufts Community Union (TCU). Now it is up to the TCU Senate to demonstrate the vision and leadership necessary to use these funds effectively. The Senate has already allocated funds to student groups and created a savings trust for future student activities. We believe that the funds in the savings trust should be allocated toward need-blind admissions.

Many of our members in the Tufts Progressive Alumni Network (TPAN) have been watching this story closely and with interest, both because the scandal affects our recent graduates directly and because the sudden positive cash balance during a national depression creates an enormous opportunity. They stole our money, too. But the question now is: Where can we make an impact?

There is no single correct answer to this question, and we do not agree even among ourselves. However, there is a firm sense that need-blind admissions, or some variant thereof, is a strong, viable and important direction to take. This proposal commands a prominent place in this discussion. Here are a few reasons why:

**1. Directing money toward need-blind admissions is not charity — it is an investment.** A diverse student body is essential to a good learning environment. How can Tufts

students expect to succeed if the faces walking through the halls of Carmichael do not reflect the faces walking through the halls of the White House? Diversity is not simply something that liberals do out of guilt. Many businesses have harnessed the creativity that comes from collaborations between people with vastly different life experiences and perspectives. It is not enough to simply be smart and have skills anymore. We want Tufts undergraduates to be competitive with other students who are just as good and have been challenged by a diverse array of people early and often. The sooner and the longer you have those experiences, the better a problem-solver you become.

**2. With many sources of funds dwindling, the economic crisis has threatened the ability of many students to attend Tufts.** The TCU Senate can demonstrate sister and brotherhood in these exceptional times by designating these funds to tuition assistance. Should need-blind admissions become a reality at Tufts, all students will be assured that their admittance was based on the merits of their application. Need-blind admissions will improve Tufts' competitive standards, ensuring that each student is surrounded by the best among their peers. An accomplished and diverse student body will benefit all students equally. Contrary to some arguments that have been put forward in this discussion, supporting need-blind admissions contributes to a meritocracy rather than detracting from it.

**3. As you can see by the interest that alumni have shown recently, such as Danika Kleiber (LA '02) in her Feb. 11 Op-Ed "The art of giving," alumni and donors are watching.** The windfall funds give the TCU Senate a rare opportunity to lead by example. The choice to highlight the issue of need-blind admissions could inspire future donations in a way that an endowment for student activities will not.

Former and current students have contributed to

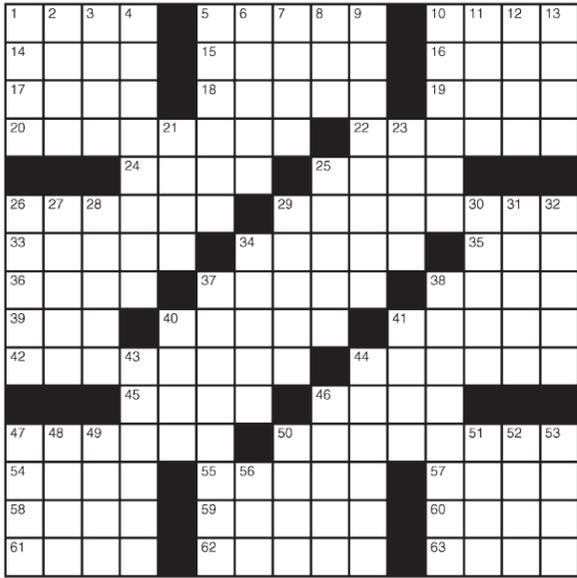
these student activity funds for the benefit of the student body. There is no reason why donating money to financial aid qualifies as inconsistent with this mission *ipso facto*. We understand that the TCU Senate is attempting to address the financial crisis through both an ad-hoc committee and collaboration with the Tufts Fund for Arts, Sciences and Engineering and the Office of Financial Aid through the Tufts Student Fund. While we commend these efforts, we also urge this committee to direct funds toward students with financial need. The windfall funds are an unparalleled opportunity to support students with financial need, and it is certainly not too late in the process to reallocate funds.

Need-blind admissions will enhance the student experience by ensuring a diverse and qualified student body. This is a tremendous opportunity for the TCU Senate to encourage the university to become need blind. There are students and organizations on campus that have been actively supporting this course of action and have the knowledge and the will to work out the details of such a plan. Students who are serious about equal opportunity and effective pedagogy ought to show support for this proposal. One of the characteristics that makes us most proud of Tufts is its commitment to active citizenship and public leadership. We believe that these students exemplify the best of these qualities. We urge the TCU Senate to work with them and find a way to help Tufts remain a leader in diversity and active citizenship.

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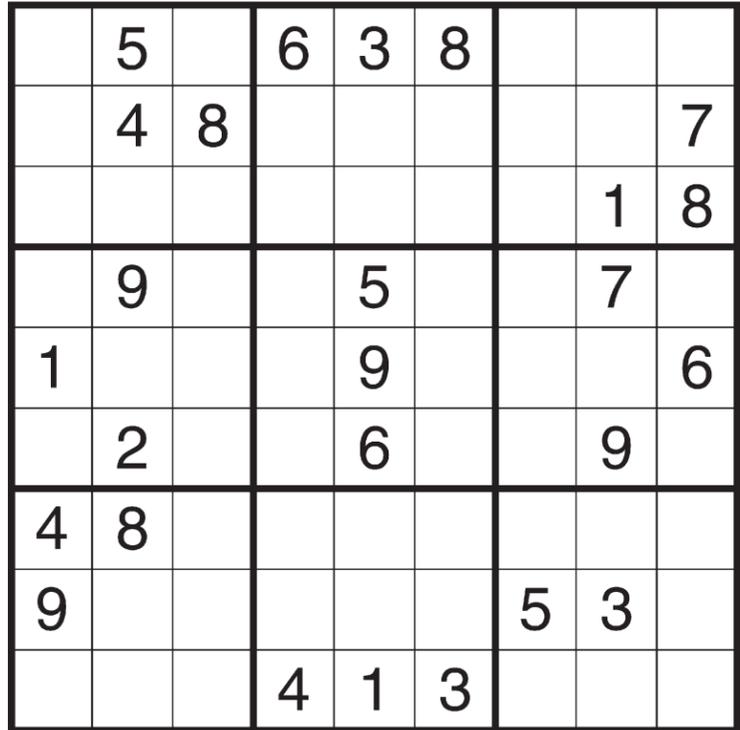
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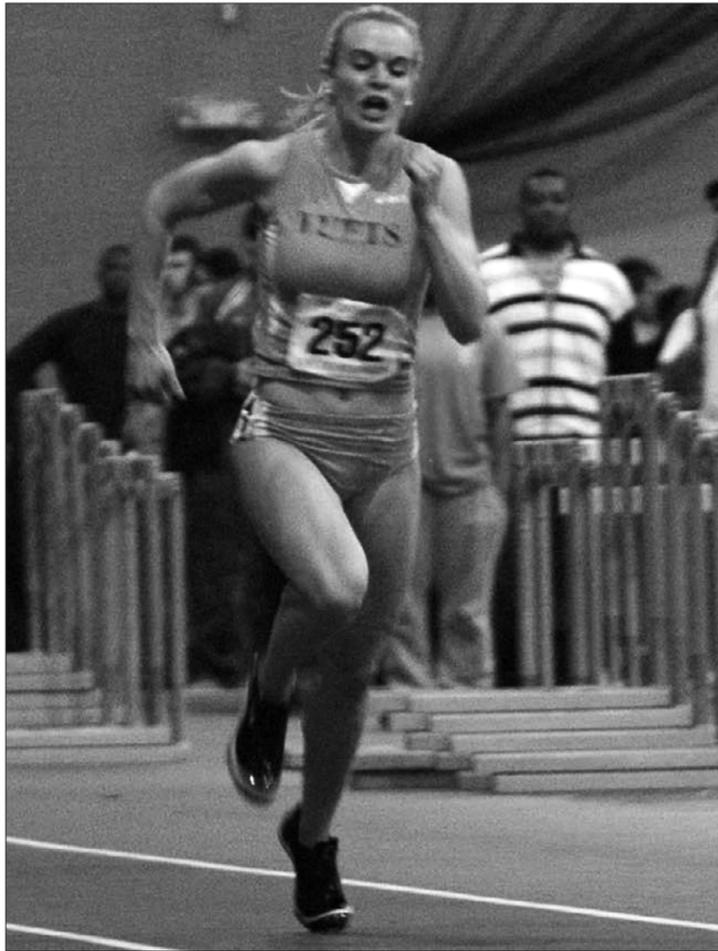
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Junior Logan Crane beat the provisional qualifying time of 7.30 seconds in the 55-meter dash at this weekend's ECAC Championships, held at the Gantcher Center.

## Next up for women's DMR team: Nationals in Terre Haute, Ind.

### WOMEN'S TRACK

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ing the ECAC record was absolutely amazing. I loved every second of it."

The athletes on the DMR team were not the only ones to meet qualifying standards for Tufts over the weekend, as junior Logan Crane surpassed the provisional qualifier of 7.30 seconds in the preliminary round of the 55-meter dash, running a 7.27. Her time only puts her at 17th in the country, however. Crane also went on to run a 7.31 in the finals to claim fifth place.

In other events for the Jumbos, senior tri-captain Paula Dormon placed third in the shot put with a distance of 41'10", while first-year Dayorsha Collins took fourth in the high jump with a mark of 5'3 3/4".

Tufts will now look to Nationals, to be held at the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind. Aside from the DMR team,

freshman Nakeisha Jones will compete in the triple jump, in which she currently holds the second-best clip in the nation, while McNamara will forego the mile and compete in the 5,000-meter run, as there is only one heat that will take place near the end of the meet compared with the preliminary and final heats for the mile.

"It's a little disappointing because I definitely enjoy the mile and have been training in it, but I've also been in the 3k and 5k this season, so I don't think it's going to be a huge deal," McNamara said. "I'm really excited about the DMR; the fact that we can win it now means a lot, and we're all going to be fresh and ready to go."

"I think that if we can run the way we did Friday, we'll have a great shot at winning," Ferry said of the DMR team. "There are going to be a lot of strong teams, so it'll be hard, but I think we'll be ready to do it if given a good situation."



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## Adding Richardson gives the Suns a dimension that Diaw, Bell could not

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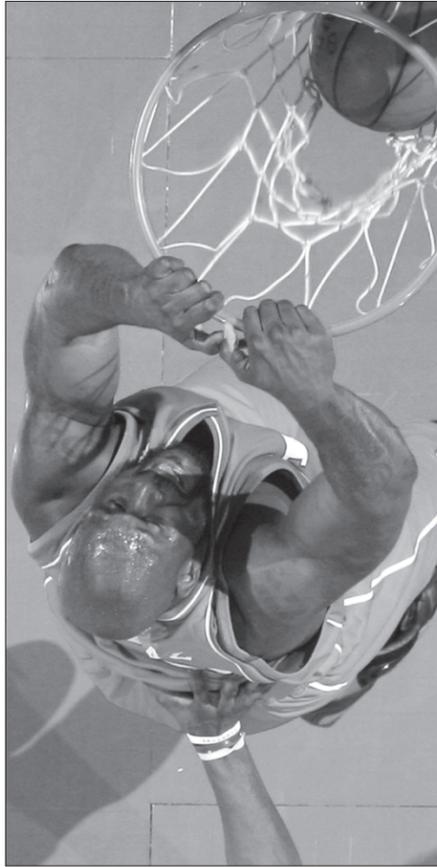
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dropped 45 points and 11 rebounds, his highest point total since he was with the 2003 Lakers.

Without Stoudemire, the Suns are certainly a weakened team, but the resurgence of Shaq and the veteran leadership of two-time NBA MVP Steve Nash make for a solid combination that could lead a serious playoff push. The Suns have an excellent supporting cast that can step up and cover the loss of Stoudemire and his 21.4 points per game. Newly acquired swingman Jason Richardson has added a dynamic wing option that Boris Diaw and Raja Bell, whom the Suns traded for Richardson, could not provide. Richardson's athleticism cannot be matched, and his improved three-point touch has made him an even bigger threat, as he has put up 17.1 points per game this season.

Leandro Barbosa, Grant Hill and Matt Barnes are great role players, and Nash has the ability find them when open. Barbosa has been a solid shooting guard this season, averaging 14.1 points per game and shooting 36.4 percent from behind the arc. Grant Hill is far from what he used to be, but he is still capable of putting up good numbers on any given night. Matt Barnes has been a pleasant surprise for the Suns as well, coming off the bench at 6-foot-7 while providing a serious three-point threat, shooting 35.7 percent from long range.

The Suns will have a chance to make a run in the coming weeks, as after battling the **San Antonio Spurs** and **Cleveland Cavaliers** this week, they will have a stretch of four straight at-or below-.500 teams in the **Oklahoma City Thunder**, **Golden State Warriors**, **Philadelphia 76ers** and **Washington Wizards**. The Suns' last four games of the season include another group of the NBA's lower tier, as they'll play the two games with the **Memphis Grizzlies**



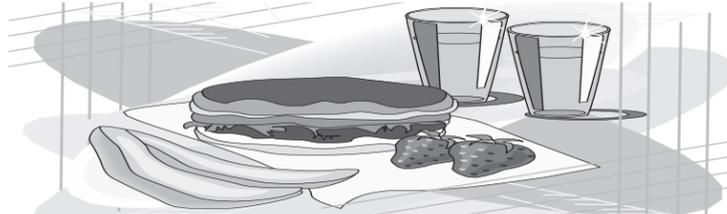
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Shaquille O'Neal will be key for the Suns if they hope to make a run for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

and one apiece with the **Minnesota Timberwolves** and the **Warriors**. The Suns are notorious for making the playoffs with much promise and falling short in the early rounds, but if they cash in on the eighth seed, they may be able to give the Lakers some trouble in the first round. The story behind a Shaq-Kobe playoff series would also make the media and NBA fans ecstatic.

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### MAJORS WEEK OPEN HOUSES

#### Friday, March 6, 2009

##### **BIOLOGY**

3-4PM

Front Lobby of Barnum (outside Barnum 104)

The Biology Department will hold an informal information session discussing Biology, Biopsychology and Biochemistry majors. Biology faculty will be on hand to answer questions from prospective majors. Refreshments will be served!

#### Monday, March 9, 2009

##### **AMERICAN STUDIES**

12-1:30PM

Eaton 202

Faculty and current majors will be at this information session. Pizza will be served!

##### **CENTER FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES**

Joint Open House

12 - 1:20 PM

Eaton 102

Africa in the New World  
Communications & Media Studies  
EX-College  
International Relations  
Latin American Studies  
Latino Studies  
Leadership Studies  
Middle Eastern Studies  
Peace & Justice Studies  
Women's Studies

##### **WOMEN'S STUDIES**

12-1:20pm

Eaton 203

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##### **Political Science**

11:50 -1:20 pm

Eaton Hall 206

Professors, Political Science

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#### Tuesday March 10, 2009

##### **ANTHROPOLOGY**

12:00PM

126 Curtis Street

##### **MATHEMATICS**

4:30 pm

Bromfield-Pearson Conference Room

Come to the Majors week reception and talk with department members and mathematics students. Get the math department's Course Information Booklet for fall 2009 and enjoy some delicious Chinese dumplings! All are welcome!

#### Wednesday, March 11, 2009

##### **RELIGION**

12:00 PM

126 Curtis Street

##### **CHEMISTRY**

12PM - 1PM (Open Block)

Pearson Chemistry Building, Room P112

There will be an informational session for the following majors: Chemistry ACS-Certified, Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Chemical Physics.

##### **GEOLOGY**

5:30 - 7 PM

Room 11, Lane Hall

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##### **GERMAN**

12 - 2:30PM

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##### **HISTORY**

12PM - 1:20PM (Open Block)

East Hall Lounge

All students are welcome to meet the faculty and learn more about becoming a History major. Lunch will be served!

## 4x800 relay team approaches school record at IC4A Championship meet

### MEN'S TRACK

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next weekend at Nationals."

"The splits were almost identical," Barron continued. "The 400 leg was a little bit slower, but that's the leg that most benefits from the bank, so nothing unexpected."

The two other Jumbo victories on the weekend came from senior quad-captains in individual events. Senior quad-captain Skip Pagel came away with a victory in the pentathlon, scoring 3,387 points, while fellow quad-captain James Bradley took first in the high jump at a height of 6'6.25".

Pagel narrowly defeated Buffalo State junior Tim Diegelman by 15 points to clinch the win. He claimed third in both the 1,000 meter with a mark of 2:45.61 and in the shot put with a distance of 37'1 1/4".

"[Pagel] had a very good performance in the pentathlon," Barron said. "[He] started out with a huge PR in the hurdles and added PRs in the high jump and the 1,000 to close well and squeak out a victory."

Pagel's final score of 3,387 was just 13 points shy of the NCAA provisional qualifier of 3,400.

"I had a personal best in the hurdles, which I was really happy about. My long jump and shot put didn't go that well, but overall, it was okay," Pagel said. "I was two feet off the board in the long jump. If I had been on the board and hit that jump, it would have been like an extra 100 points, and I definitely would have gone to Nationals."

Meanwhile, Bradley went head to head against five competitors who all cleared the winning height of 6'6 1/4", but Bradley alone had no misses to claim the win.

"[This weekend] was like a tune-up," Bradley said. "I was really pleased with it. I was a lot more relaxed than I was at [Regionals]."

Also competing for Tufts this weekend



JAMES CHOCA/TUFTS DAILY

Senior quad-captain Skip Pagel came within 13 points of an NCAA qualifier in the pentathlon this weekend.

was the men's 4x800 crew, which raced at BU in the IC4A Championship. The relay team of juniors Jason Hanrahan and Scott Brinkman, sophomore Corey Melnick and freshman Connor Rose ran a time of 7:53.58, seconds shy of the school record of 7:48.7, set in 1985.

"I thought they ran really hard," Barron said. "They had a chance to break the school record, and they really put it out there, and I still think if I put those same four runners on the line next week that they could take down the school record if they all put it out there."

With only one meet left on the winter schedule, the squad will now turn its attention to the NCAA Div. III Championships, set to commence this weekend at the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind.

## Jostens Trophy finalist Klimowicz sends Jumbos packing with 28-point effort

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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17-4, putting the Lions up three with 2:28 remaining.

"They made the adjustments they needed to make," junior guard Vanessa Miller said. "I have to give credit: Their guards hit some shots down the line, and [Klimowicz] was obviously very clutch for them. They made the big plays. Especially in NCAAs, when a team gets on a run, it can be very hard to stall their energy. In the end, they had a little bit more than we did."

The Jumbos came within one point in the final two minutes but never regained the lead. A potential game-winning three-pointer by junior guard Casey Sullivan at the buzzer was blocked by Klimowicz, sealing the Lions' second upset victory over a ranked opponent in as many nights.

Foul trouble contributed to Tufts' woes down the stretch. After picking up her fourth foul 13 seconds into the second half, senior forward Katie Tausanovitch, who is also a layout editor for the Daily, was limited to just two second-half minutes before fouling out with 3:55 remaining. Junior forward Julia Baily, meanwhile, avoided foul trouble until the final 3:30 of the game, when she picked up her fourth and fifth fouls 1:09 apart.

The duo's departure forced Tufts to play the final 2:13 of a one-possession game without its starting frontcourt.

After building up its seemingly comfortable second-half cushion, the Jumbos' offense became stagnant, opening the door for a Lions comeback. Following a three-point play by Baily that put Tufts up 44-33 with 9:22 remaining, the Jumbos notched 11 points the rest of the way, turning the ball over five times while making just four field goals.

"We've been struggling a lot towards the end of the season to find the good shots and get into a rhythm offensively," Miller said. "They had a very effective trapping, three-quarter court press that really took us out of our comfort zone and put us back on our heels. A lot of times, we were fighting the shot clock in our possessions. I think in a lot of possessions, especially as we got closer to that final buzzer, we started to panic

and people took shots that they normally wouldn't usually look for. It's the nature of the beast; it's what you start to do when you see your season start to slip away from you."

The Jumbos also suffered from breakdowns on the defensive end. After allowing TCNJ to score 31 points through the first 30 minutes of the game, Tufts yielded 26 points to the Lions in the final 10.

Baily paced Tufts with 14 points and 10 rebounds, while Hart chipped in with 12 points. One night after dropping 31 points on national No. 19 DeSales, Klimowicz accounted for nearly half of TCNJ's production, leading all scorers with 28 points to go along with eight rebounds and three blocks.

For the Jumbos, Saturday's loss came on the heels of their 80-70 victory over Moravian in first-round action Friday night. Tufts shot a blistering 64 percent from the floor in the second half and opened up as much as an 18-point lead before dealing the Greyhounds their first home loss of the season.

"It was a great game for us," said Tausanovitch, who had 13 points and six boards. "We had an up-tempo game. It was probably our best transition offense of the year. It was a lot of fun. When you're running and have momentum like that, the game is a lot of fun. It's fast-paced, and we definitely controlled that."

The Lions' Cinderella run now moves on with a Sweet Sixteen matchup against Rochester Friday night. Meanwhile, the Jumbos will head into the offseason after a 2008-09 campaign in which they racked up the second-most wins by any squad in program history. But a year after making a run to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament, this season's early exit leaves the team with a hollow feeling.

"It's very bittersweet at this point," Miller said. "Do a lot of us feel that we under-achieved in a lot of ways this season? Yeah, I think we do. This season is going to be tainted by a lot of disappointment because we did have very high expectations for ourselves. At the same time, we recognize that because our expectations were so high, we still did a lot by underachieving. We don't take those things for granted."

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Tuesday, March 10, 2009 ~ Ballou Hall

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FREE and open to the public - Jackson Dance Lab

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Sophomore Ryan Molloy chipped in with four goals and two assists as the men's lacrosse team took down Amherst, 15-6, to open the season.

## Droesch stellar in face-off circle

### MEN'S LACROSSE

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opportunity. "Our transition game was a big part of that [9-0] run," McNally said. "The defensemen were getting loose balls out quickly, and the defensive middies were pushing the balls up the field and making real smart, aggressive feeds to our attackmen, who were making the great shots."

Hessler piled on to his assist total in the final frame, finding Molloy and junior midfielder Jamie Atkins for two more Jumbo goals, while the Lord Jeffs managed three tallies against a Tufts defensive unit comprised mainly of backup players.

Pietroforte, who finished with 13 saves in the losing effort, was lifted at the end of the third quarter in favor of freshman netminder Sam Jakimo. Harrigan put together an excellent opening performance for the Jumbos, matching a career single-game high with 19 saves in the winning effort.

Droesch finished the contest a remarkable 12 for 15 at the face-

off circle and was a crucial aspect of the Jumbos' dominating ball possession. The home squad also posted an impressive 45-25 shot differential through the first three quarters, finishing the contest with a 45-30 victory in the ever-important groundball battle.

"Our offense is what sparked everything; they were able to simply dominate all day," Harrigan said. "It was a team effort, and the passing was very efficient. We had had some problems with that in previous scrimmages this year, but our passing today was pretty excellent overall, and that led to success on the offensive end."

With Saturday's season-opening victory now in the books, the Jumbos will now travel to Newton on Tuesday evening to face regional opponent Lasell.

"It's definitely great to get a solid start [with today's win], but it's not something that we can really enjoy at the moment," Droesch said. "We've got another game coming up on Tuesday that we're focused on preparing for."

### SCHEDULE | March 9 - March 15

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>Baseball</b>					at Lynchburg time TBA		at Randolph- Macon 2 p.m.
<b>Softball</b>							at Cal Lutheran 12 p.m.
<b>Men's Lacrosse</b>		at Lasell 3:30 p.m.				<b>vs. Colby</b> 1 p.m.	
<b>Women's Lacrosse</b>			<b>vs. Wellesley</b> 4:30 p.m.			at Colby 12 p.m.	
<b>Men's Tennis</b>							in Orlando, Fla. 3:30 pm
<b>Women's Tennis</b>							
<b>Track and Field</b>					NCAA Champs at Rose-Hulman	NCAA Champs at Rose-Hulman	
<b>Men's Crew</b>							

### STATISTICS | STANDINGS

#### Men's Lacrosse (1-0, 1-0 NESCAC)

	NESCAC		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Bowdoin	1	0	1	0
Colby	1	0	1	0
Middlebury	1	0	1	0
Trinity	1	0	1	0
<b>Tufts</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
Amherst	0	1	0	1
Bates	0	1	0	2
Conn. College	0	1	0	1
Wesleyan	0	1	0	1
Williams	0	1	0	1

#### Women's Lacrosse (1-0, 1-0 NESCAC)

	NESCAC		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Colby	1	0	1	0
Middlebury	1	0	1	0
Trinity	1	0	1	0
<b>Tufts</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
Wesleyan	1	0	1	0
Amherst	0	1	0	1
Bates	0	1	1	1
Bowdoin	0	1	0	1
Conn. College	0	1	0	1
Williams	0	1	0	1

#### Baseball (0-0, 0-0 NESCAC East)

	NESCAC			OVERALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
<b>East</b>						
Bates	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bowdoin	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colby	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Tufts</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>West</b>						
Amherst	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hamilton	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middlebury	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wesleyan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Williams	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### Softball (0-0, 0-0 NESCAC East)

	NESCAC			OVERALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
<b>East</b>						
Bates	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bowdoin	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colby	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Tufts</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>West</b>						
Amherst	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hamilton	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middlebury	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wesleyan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Williams	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### USILA Div. III Men's Lax as of Mar. 2, 2009

Ranking, team (No. 1 votes)

- Salisbury (15)
- Gettysburg
- Cortland
- Middlebury
- Cabrini
- Washington College
- Stevenson
- Ithaca

#### IWLCA Div. III Women's Lax as of Feb. 24, 2009

Ranking, team (No. 1 votes)

- Hamilton (20)
- Franklin and Marshall
- Salisbury
- The College of New Jersey
- Middlebury
- Gettysburg
- Union
- Washington and Lee
- 17. Tufts**

#### NFCA Div. III Softball as of Mar. 4, 2009

Ranking, team (No. 1 votes)

- Wisconsin-Whitewater (5)
- Wisconsin-Eau Claire
- Louisiana College
- Texas-Tyler
- St. Thomas (Minn.)
- Cortland
- DePauw
- Emory
- 14. Tufts**

#### Individual Statistics

	G	A	P
Clem McNally	2	1	3
D.J. Hessler	4	6	10
Ryan Molloy	4	2	6
Chase Bibby	1	0	1
Jamie Atkins	1	0	1
Tom Bragg	0	1	1
Doug DiSesa	1	1	2
Matt Witko	1	0	1
Eytan Saperstein	0	0	0
Jordan Yarboro	1	0	1
<b>Team</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>26</b>

#### Individual Statistics

	G	A	P
Maya Shoham	0	1	1
Amanda Roberts	2	1	3
Courtney Thomas	2	0	2
Chrissie Attura	1	4	5
Jenna Abelli	0	1	1
Emily Johnson	1	3	4
Lara Kozin	3	1	4
Stephanie Perez	2	0	2
Alyssa Kopp	0	0	0
Kelly Cakert	0	0	0
<b>Team</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Individual Statistics

	AVG	HR	RBI
Kevin Casey	.000	0	0
David Leresche	.000	0	0
Alex Grzymala	.000	0	0
Nate Bankoff	.000	0	0
Derek Miller	.000	0	0
Chase Rose	.000	0	0
Ari David	.000	0	0
Dave Katzman	.000	0	0
Alex Perry	.000	0	0
Corey Pontes	.000	0	0
<b>Team</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Individual Statistics

	AVG	HR	RBI
Laura Chapman	.000	0	0
Roni Herbst	.000	0	0
Cara Hovhannessian	.000	0	0
Samantha Kuhles	.000	0	0
Danielle Lopez	.000	0	0
Christy Tinker	.000	0	0
Erin Gallagher	.000	0	0
Maya Ripecky	.000	0	0
Casey Sullivan	.000	0	0
<b>Team</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Goaltending	GA	Sv	%
Matt Harrigan	6	19	.000

Goaltending	GA	Sv	%
Sara Bloom	9	13	.000

Pitching	W	L	ERA	SO
Tom Hill	0	0	0.00	0
Pat O'Donnell	0	0	0.00	0

Pitching	W	L	ERA	SO
Izzie Santone	0	0	0.00	0
Lauren Gelmetti	0	0	0.00	0

## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

## Tufts avenges Amherst in season opener

BY ADAM MANDELL  
Contributing Writer

The women's lacrosse team rolled into Amherst, Mass. for its season opener this weekend with one mantra: "Do not repeat history."

WOMEN'S LACROSSE  
(1-0, 1-0 NESCAC)  
at Amherst, Mass., Saturday

Tufts	8	3	---	11
Amherst	3	6	---	9

In last year's contest, the Lord Jeffs outscored the Jumbos 14-7, with Amherst pulling away early in the first half. Looking to seek retribution for last year's contest, the nationally ranked No. 17 Jumbos maintained the mental focus necessary to triumph over the No. 10 Lord Jeffs 11-9 this time around. For Amherst, the decision marked the team's first season-opening loss since 1998.

The Jumbos were looking to set the tone early on in the game and to avoid a situation that would allow the Lord Jeffs to pull away. In doing so, Tufts kept its eye on two targets, sophomore Kelley Trapp and senior quad-captain Mary Noonan, and sought to limit them on the offensive front. Last season, the two were a thorn in Tufts' side in the 14-7 loss, accounting for a combined eight goals and three assists.

The Jumbos opened the game up early with a quick goal from senior Courtney Thomas assisted by junior Emily Johnson. Seconds later, Amherst's

Trapp and Noonan rifled past the Jumbos' defensive line to counter with a pair of goals just minutes apart from one another. It didn't take long for the Jumbos to respond, however, and 11 seconds after Noonan's goal, Thomas put the ball in the back of the net, knotting the game at 2-2.

Although Noonan posted her second and final goal of the game shortly thereafter, the Jumbos went on to showcase their offensive might, rallying for six goals in the final 15 minutes of the half. Among the scorers was freshman Lara Kozin who, with assists from senior co-captain Chrissie Attura, notched consecutive goals and one assist to secure a comfortable 8-3 lead at the half.

Despite the five-goal lead, the Jumbos went into the second frame avoiding an air of complacency, facing an Amherst squad determined to get back on the scoreboard. Just five minutes into play, Amherst's senior quad-captain Amy Craig rallied for three goals, narrowing Tufts' lead to two. After three minutes of back-and-forth play, Kozin found an opening to mark her first-ever collegiate hat trick off of a feed from junior Jenna Abelli. Shortly after, Johnson scored the final goal for the Jumbos, beating freshman goalie Lamia Harik. Although Craig battled back with three straight goals to narrow the lead once more and keep the Jumbos on their toes, Amherst was unable to pull off the win. Throughout the game, Tufts controlled the overall groundball battle, beating out the Amherst squad 25-16.

Showcasing the strength of the freshman class and the depth of the roster, the Jumbos started the 2009 season on the right foot. In the season opener,

all members of the class of 2012 made an impact with leading performances from Kozin and Stephanie Perez, who recorded two goals in the first half with assists from upperclassmen Johnson and sophomore Amanda Roberts.

"The play was definitely faster, the transitions were quicker [and] the defenses were tougher; it was an overall higher level of play," said Kozin of her first NESCAC competition. "Coach warned us how good Amherst was and that every NESCAC game is practically air, but we still felt pretty confident."

Outside of the solid offensive play, the Jumbo defense effectively contained a highly volatile and skilled Lord Jeffs offensive attack. Both the offensive and defensive players worked well in terms of transitions and clearing to control the pace of the game.

In last season's Amherst matchup, then-freshman goalie Sara Bloom recorded an impressive performance, making nine saves in the goal for the Jumbos. This time around, with a year of experience under her belt, Bloom played a remarkable game in goal, making 13 saves for the win and proving her prowess in front of the net.

"The defense was working rather well as a unit — there seemed to be an increased level of intensity within the group," Attura said. "Above all, Bloom really stepped it up. She has been playing well all year, but she kept us in the game with a great performance. She handled new offenses and schemes that Amherst threw her way. Her performance really showed her consistency."

This Wednesday, the Jumbos will play on Bello Field for their home opener against the 1-0 Wellesley Blue.

## ALEX PREWITT | LIVE FROM MUDVILLE



## Remember the fallen

Last week, two NFL players were shipwrecked on a fishing trip in the Gulf of Mexico, and after days of the Coast Guard combing the waters, the search was abandoned and hope lost. Following this incident, the world barely stirred, dismissing these men as dead. My question is: Why?

It's simply astounding how a week after two of the NFL's players were capsized and pronounced drowned, everyone is focused on a crybaby like Terrell Owens getting signed or a juicer like Alex Rodriguez getting surgery. Sure, it's great and all that A-Rod is fixing his hip, but shouldn't we be keying in on the more pressing issue, like further mourning these gallant men? Well, here's a feeble attempt to do what the bigwigs like ESPN and SI neglected.

The first man, Corey Smith, was a defensive end for the Detroit Lions, described by ex-Lions coach Rod Marinelli as the "cornerstone of what this league is about: toughness, effort and team." Smith quickly earned the respect of his teammates and coaches in his short stint on the gridiron.

Smith said he would've liked to stick with football after he finished his playing career, becoming a scout or a coach after serving as a coaching intern to the NFL Europe squad Rhein Fire. He participated in numerous charity events for the Lions, helping to raise over \$100,000 at one golf tournament. But that was simply the man Smith was. He was a giver in a league filled with takers.

Maybe, being so modest, Smith wouldn't want all this attention, but I have a striking feeling his family feels otherwise.

Next, there's Marquis Cooper, a linebacker for the Oakland Raiders and a perennial NFL journeyman who bounced around the league for five years and suited up for six teams. Even though he recorded just 37 tackles throughout his career, his presence and character clearly reverberated throughout the ranks of football's best.

The third man, William Bleakley, a former University of South Florida football player, was also on the ship when it capsized into the choppy waters. A memorial was held for him recently, with hundreds of people lining up to pay their respects and shed their tears. None of those people went back to work that day and none will ever stop thinking about Bleakley, so why should we?

What is it about death that makes us move on so quickly to more trivial things? Is it that forgetting will help us grieve? Perhaps. Or maybe it's the world quickly looking away, viewing this as another sad boating accident as opposed to the massive tragedy it is.

If you feel like saying that a week is enough time to move on, just ask the family of Max Gilpin. At the end of an Aug. 20 high school football practice in Kentucky last year, the sophomore Gilpin collapsed and fell into septic shock caused by multiple organ failure and heat stroke. He died three days later. Witnesses said that the coach, Jason Stinson, repeatedly denied his team water while making them run sprints, verbally berating them as they grinded through their drills in the blistering sun.

What is simply amazing about that story is that players came out to defend their coach, rather than speak on behalf of their deceased comrade. Phrases like "Coach is amazing" and "Coach truly cares about his players" dotted the news, but is seven months enough time to forget about the accomplishments and tragic fall of a young boy? Like Allen Iverson was talking about practice, we're talking about lives here. Not football, not sprints, and not boating, but lives.

It doesn't matter if it's a high school football player in the back fields of Kentucky or a defensive end on the worst team in NFL history. Tragedies like this are impossible to move on from, and it's upsetting to see that the sports world has done it in a matter of hours. Sport, race, social status, income or gender should not diminish the fact that these three lost men had lives that were too short. It's about time the world recognized this because it's never too late.

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## INSIDE THE NBA

## The Resurgence of the Diesel: Shaq and the Suns look to make a late run in the West

BY ALEX SCAROS  
Senior Staff Writer

Mid-March means March Madness for most basketball fans. But for the avid NBA fan, this time of year means the NBA playoffs are only a month away. Now is the time when teams on the bubble start making their final push for the last few spots in their respective conferences. As always, the Eastern Conference's No. 7 and No. 8 seeds will have losing records, but out West, the fight for the playoffs is between multiple quality teams.

The surging Los Angeles Lakers

hold first place in the West by eight and a half games, and they are still cruising without the injured Andrew Bynum. But seeds two through eight are only separated by four games, and as of today, the Phoenix Suns are on the outside looking in, four games behind the eighth-seeded Dallas Mavericks. Although the Suns have a steep hill to climb, there is one reason — one big reason — that they have a great chance at stealing Dallas' playoff spot: Shaq.

The resurgence of Shaquille O'Neal to NBA prominence has caught many experts and critics by surprise. The

legendary big man just turned 37 this month, and he had seemed incapable of dominating the paint as he used to. After the news broke last month that All-Star power forward Amar'e Stoudemire would be out for the season with a detached retina, the Suns appeared to be destined for another disappointing season that began with such high hopes. But Shaq has found his step again, averaging 23.0 points and 8.3 rebounds per game in Stoudemire's absence. In a 133-113 win over the Toronto Raptors, Shaq

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## Athletes of the Week

## CHRISSIE ATTURA, WOMEN'S LACROSSE

The women's lacrosse team took home a solid win at Amherst over the weekend, taking down the Lord Jeffs 11-9 on the road to open the season. The Jumbos were led with five points from senior co-captain Chrissie Attura, who had one goal and four assists on the day.

Tied 3-3 in the first half, Attura assisted on three out of the next four goals — all scored by Tufts — then put one past the goalkeeper herself to give her team an 8-3 advantage. Amherst went on to outscore Tufts 6-3 in the second half, but it was not enough as the Brown and Blue pulled out the victory. Attura's final helper came on a goal from junior Emily Johnson with 14:58 remaining in the second half.

Attura is 30th on the Tufts all-time points list and is second only to classmate Courtney Thomas for most points among active team members. She was not the only one to have a big day for Tufts, as both junior Emily Johnson and freshman Lara Kozin had four points in the victory.



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## D.J. HESSLER, MEN'S LACROSSE

The men's lacrosse team started off its season on the right foot Saturday, easily handling conference rival Amherst in a 15-6 victory. The Jumbos were led by sophomore attackman D.J. Hessler, who had four goals and six assists in the game. His total of 10 points was only three shy of the school record, while his six assists on the game were only one short of the all-time Tufts mark, set by Mike McConnell (A '65) all the way back in 1965.

With the game tied at two apiece in the second period, Hessler assisted classmate Ryan Molloy on a goal and then netted two of his own to bring it to 5-2. Tufts would see its lead improve to 10-2 in the third quarter — with Hessler assisting and scoring on two more goals — before Amherst recorded its first tally since the first period. After that, Hessler made an impact on four straight goals, scoring one and assisting on three, to bring the Jumbos' advantage to a dominating 14-3.



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## MEN'S LACROSSE

## Jumbos thump Jeffs in opener

BY SCOTT JANES  
Daily Editorial Board

Amherst: Welcome to Brown Town, home of the D.J. Hessler, Ryan Molloy and Clem McNally show.

### MEN'S LACROSSE (1-0, 1-0 NESCAC)

Bello Field, Saturday

Amherst	2	0	1	3	---	6
Tufts	1	7	5	2	---	15

Led by the trio of attackmen, the Jumbos stormed Bello Field on Saturday, romping over the hapless Lord Jeffs 15-6 in the season opener for both NESCAC squads.

Tufts' attack unit was dominant all afternoon, producing 10 goals and nine assists against Amherst senior quad-captain goaltender Matt Pietroforte. The sophomore Hessler posted four goals and dished out six assists, while classmate Molloy did his part, adding four goals and spreading around two assists of his own. Senior tri-captain McNally completed the attack effort with two goals and one assist.

The contest started out a bit slow for the Jumbos as Pietroforte was stingy in the cage early on, making seven tough saves in the first quarter to hold the score close. Amherst junior midfielder J.T. Milone broke the scoreless tie just over five minutes into the game, beating Jumbo senior goaltender Matt Harrigan on an unassisted man-advantage goal. Senior midfielder Chase Bibby tallied the Jumbos' only score of the period with six minutes remaining in the frame, sandwiched between Milone's score and a goal by junior attackman Tom McDonnell that came with only 31 seconds remaining in the period.

But with the score reading 2-1 Amherst, the game's momentum took a drastic shift to start the second period. Led by a 7-for-8 performance in the quarter at the face-off circle by junior midfielder and tri-captain Mike Drosch, the Jumbos posted seven straight goals to secure an 8-2 halftime lead.

"He singlehandedly took control of that game and really did a fantastic job in the face-off circle," Harrigan said. "Against any NESCAC team, it's very hard to post numbers like that, so that just speaks to how well he played out there."

The second-quarter run featured two goals and two assists by Molloy and two goals and one assist by Hessler. Along with the team's face-off splits in the second quarter, the Jumbos also controlled the shot differential, 19-8, and the groundball battle, 18-7. Team members pointed to their ability to consistently control the possession of the ball as an important factor to the team's offensive success.

"Certainly, late in the season winning those [face-offs and groundballs] will be very important in close games," McNally said. "Every groundball is an extra possession for us, and every face-off win for us is another chance for us to extend those long goal streaks. On the other hand, our ability to win face-offs after the other team scores a goal or two is the key in limiting goal streaks on their part as well."

The third frame saw Tufts extend its offensive work, as the Jumbos netted five more goals to push their lead to 13-3. Hessler potted two goals and three assists, while McNally added a goal and an assist in the quarter. Amherst senior quad-captain Tim Thornton tallied the Lord Jeffs' lone goal of the period on a man-advantage

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Tufts upset by TCNJ in second round of NCAA Tournament

BY SAPNA BANSIL  
Daily Editorial Board

The women's basketball team learned a painful lesson over the weekend: No one is immune to March Madness.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (22-5, 7-2 NESCAC)

NCAA Tournament  
Bethlehem, Pa., Saturday

TCNJ	25	32	---	57
Tufts	23	32	---	55

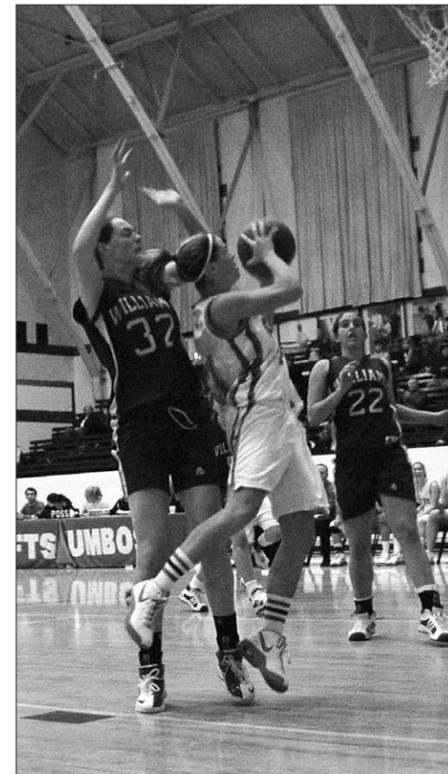
Bethlehem, Pa., Friday

Tufts	38	42	---	80
Moravian	27	43	---	70

Nationally ranked No. 16 Tufts suffered a 57-55 defeat at the hands of The College of New Jersey in the second round of the NCAA Tournament Saturday night in Bethlehem, Pa., ending the Jumbos' season with a 22-5 overall record. Managing just five field goals over the final 10 minutes of play, Tufts surrendered a 12-point second-half lead en route to the upset loss.

After trailing for much of the first half, the Jumbos appeared to take firm control of the game with a 15-0 run coming out of half-time. Sparked by eight points from sophomore point guard Colleen Hart, Tufts turned a 27-23 deficit into a 38-27 advantage with 11:14 remaining.

The Jumbos maintained a double-digit lead for the next few minutes before the Lions, led by senior captain and Jostens Trophy finalist Hillary Klimowicz, began a



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Junior guard Casey Sullivan was denied a last-ditch three-point attempt as the Jumbos fell to TCNJ on Saturday.

furious comeback bid. Klimowicz contributed eight points and three assists during a 6:54 stretch in which TCNJ outscored Tufts

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A panel consisting of (from left) CBS Sports Vice President Michael Aresco (A '72), Major League Baseball executive John Brody (LA '95), Tufts trustee and New England Patriots co-owner Dan Kraft (LA '87) and Boston Globe columnist Tony Massarotti (LA '89) met in Tisch Library on Friday morning to discuss the business of sports. Professor Sol Gittleman moderated the panel of alumni, which touched upon topics including the future of sports media and the state of sports in a recession.

## MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

## Men's DMR victorious at ECACs

BY LAUREN FLAMENT  
Senior Staff Writer

Claiming three event victories, including another NCAA provisional qualifying

### MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

ECAC Div. III Championships  
Gantcher Center, Friday-Saturday

1. St. Lawrence
2. Amherst
3. Rochester Institute of Technology
4. Springfield
5. Moravian
17. Tufts

time for the distance medley relay (DMR) team, in the

final tune-up before NCAA Championships, the men's track and field team secured a tie for seventh place out of 50 scoring teams at the ECAC Div. III Championships this weekend within the friendly confines of the Gantcher Center.

The DMR team crossed the finish line with a time of 10:00.63 to win the race and edge out runner-up Muhlenberg by .07 seconds. The relay group, consisting of junior Billy Hale (1200m), senior Phil Rotella (400m), junior Scott Brinkman (800m) and junior Jesse Faller (1,600m), set a new meet record and improved their provisional

qualifying standard of 10:02.33 (converted to account for BU's banked track) from Open New England Championships at Boston University the weekend of Feb. 27.

The time also improved the relay's rankings to fifth on the NCAA Championships performance list.

"I was equally pleased with the DMR this week as I was last week," coach Ethan Barron said. "We saw basically the exact same times here on a flat track that we saw at BU on the bank, which was very impressive and bodes well for

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## WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

## DMR team runs nation's best time at ECAC Champs

BY DAVID HECK  
Daily Editorial Board

The women's distance medley relay team (DMR) went into the weekend's

### WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

ECAC Div. III Championships  
Gantcher Center, Friday-Saturday

1. Springfield
2. Moravian
3. The College of New Jersey
4. Brockport State
5. Ithaca
10. Tufts

ECAC Championships in the Gantcher Center with one goal in mind: improving upon its provisional qualifying mark with the hopes of cementing a spot at Nationals.

"We were trying to automatically qualify for Nationals," senior tri-captain Jackie Ferry said. "We were also looking for the win so none of the teams competing at ECACs would be able to pass us on the Nationals list."

The four-person crew did exactly that, besting its previous time by nearly 10 seconds en route to recording an automatic qualifying time that is currently the best in the country going into the NCAA Championships this weekend. The squad finished first to earn Tufts 10 of its total 30 points as the team placed 10th overall at its fourth home meet of the season.

Ferry, classmate Halsey Stebbins and sophomores Amy Wilfert and Stephanie McNamara first ran the DMR together at the Valentine Invitational at Boston University on Feb. 14, coming in at a provisional qualifying time of 12:08.69 after conversion accounting for BU's banked track. The squad next ran the event at the New England Open Championships at BU on Feb. 27, taking first at the meet, which featured Div. I and Div. II competition, with a time of 11:56.72. Still, the foursome did not believe that its mark — sixth in the country at the time — was enough to ensure that it would be participating at NCAAs, as only the top 10 times make the cut. The Jumbos chose to give it one final go on their home track, and the results speak for themselves; their time of 11:47.96 not only represents a vast improvement over their previous attempt, but also a mark six seconds ahead of the automatic standard (11:53.60) and two seconds ahead of the next closest time in the country (11:49.73), also set at ECACs by The College of New Jersey.

"We were thrilled," Ferry said. "I think we were all actually kind of shocked. We were only going for [11:53.60] — anything better than that would be spectacular. Running an [11:47.96] and winning and almost beat-

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