

## TCU SENATE UPDATE

### Senate tables CSL resolution

The Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate voted in an emotionally-charged session last night to abstain voting on a proposed resolution condemning the Committee on Student Life's (CSL) decision to allow religious groups exemption from the university nondiscrimination policy. After nearly three hours of deliberation the Senate voted not to vote on the "Resolution to Affirm the Inviolability of the Tufts Nondiscrimination Policy" submitted by four senators.

Under the CSL's decision, the University Chaplaincy may decide whether a group's violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy is a "justifiable departure," allowing it to receive funding and other perks given to TCU-recognized groups.

The decision condemned the CSL's decision, which would allow groups to disqualify potential leaders on doctrinal grounds. Furthermore, it called upon the TCU Treasury to amend its Treasury Procedures Manual to forbid the Treasury from allocating the Student Activity Fee to any group which sought recognition through 'justifiable departure.'

TCU Judiciary Chair Adam Sax, a senior, halted the resolution's introduction to read a letter from the Judiciary calling the resolution unconstitutional. Sax explained that the CSL's decisions are implicitly part of the Senate's constitution and that any vote for or against the resolution would constitute a violation of the Senate's constitution and would open up voting senators to impeachment.

TCU Senate President Wyatt Cadley pledged his support to the intent of the resolution but strongly discouraged senators from voting on it, citing his duty as president to prevent the Senate from passing unconstitutional measures. In response, senior senator Joe Thibodeau, one of the senators who put forward the resolution, vowed to risk his position on the body to see the resolution's passage.

"The four of us are ready to put our names on this resolution and take whatever comes to us," Thibodeau, a junior, said. "A watered-down resolution would be a shot in the gut."

Senators and the attending students debated for more than an hour over an amendment that would remove two unconstitutional clauses pledging that the Senate and Treasury would refuse funding to groups claiming 'justified departure.' The lines were kept on the grounds that removing them would leave the resolution ineffectual.

Finally, Cadley stepped in to exercise his executive privilege over the Senate's agenda, tabling the resolution. In a tense 14-16 vote, a motion to overturn Cadley's action failed, effectively postponing a vote on the resolution or anything until next semester.

"Many of you are very hurt by the decision that I just made," Cadley said as debate closed. "Don't take the decision to mean that I do not value your voice." Cadley said that at next semester's first Senate meeting, he will put forward a resolution denouncing CSL's decision.

—by James Pouliot

## Panhellenic Council approves sorority extension

BY MENGHAN LIU  
Daily Editorial Board

The Panhellenic Council (PhC) last month approved a plan to bring a fourth sorority to campus in light of rapidly rising recruitment numbers in the past few years, according to PhC President and senior Carolyn Pruitt.

Pruitt said that the presidents of the three sororities on campus, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Phi and Chi Omega, unanimously voted in favor of the extension after hearing recommendations from their respective national chapters, the PhC executive board and

an exploratory committee composed of various Greek life representatives and staff members.

Both the fraternities and sororities know that this is going to be the right step for the community, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs Su McGlone said.

The new sorority will be chosen from applications submitted by members of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), according to Pruitt.

"We're looking for a sorority that's going to be a good fit for Tufts, that their ideals and values fit sort of the general

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COURTESY TOBIAS REEUWIJK

Because of increasing sorority involvement at Tufts over the past several years, the Panhellenic Council last month approved a proposal for a fourth sorority on campus

## Senior Memory Book replaces yearbook again for class of 2013

BY HUNTER RYAN  
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The Office for Campus Life (OCL) is offering a Senior Memory Book in lieu of a traditional yearbook for a second straight year, due to declining interest and high costs.

The OCL decided to switch to a Senior Memory Book last year for the class of 2012 and opted to do so again for the class of 2013.

The decision was prompted by the yearbook's low sales and high expense, as well as students and staff's lack of interest in getting involved in its production,

according to OCL Director Joe Golia.

"Yearbooks are changing across the country, pretty much disappearing from every institution," he said. "A lot of schools are getting rid of them. Other colleges are having the same frustrations with the yearbook."

Previous yearbooks yielded an average of 400 sold per year, purchased mostly by parents, according to Golia. The price of the book often increased each year, finally costing upward of \$100 to purchase.

Golia said that because students generally did not want to help produce the

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## Cummings School to form new department

BY JUSTIN RHEINGOLD  
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At the Board of Trustees November meeting, the Academic Affairs Committee approved the establishment of a new academic department at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine in an attempt to make a more interdisciplinary program that can expand international health outreach and research.

According to Cummings School Dean Dr. Deborah Kochevar, the new Department of Infectious Disease and Global Health will combine parts of other departments, including the Division of Infectious Diseases (DID) from the Department of Biomedical Sciences, as well as a cluster of wildlife and conservation medicine, inter-

national veterinary medicine and public health sections from the department of Environmental and Population Health.

"The idea was that these two areas, the division and the cluster, are very synergistic," Kochevar said. "The department will facilitate enhanced interactions across departments."

The DID has been funded by the National Institutes of Health for over 25 years and has great research strength, according to Kochevar.

"When you take that great expertise and research and take this area with great research in wildlife and medicine, you create synergies that will benefit our students, the research we do in terms of under-

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## Chabad 'Canorah' lights darkness, fights hunger

The Tufts Chabad House will light its first-ever Canorah in front of the Mayer Campus Center tonight at 5:30 p.m. as part of an effort to combat hunger in the local area.

The Canorah, a menorah built from donated canned goods, is a new addition to the Chabad House's annual Hanukkah celebration. After the lighting ceremony, the cans will be donated to Project Soup, a free supper program affiliated with the Somerville Homeless Coalition.

Rabbi Tzvi Backman and the other members of the Chabad House teamed up with 11 different Tufts groups, Trader Joe's and Whole Foods to collect donations.

According to Shira Strauss, a member of the Chabad Student Board, each campus group pledged to donate \$50 or its equivalent in cans. Additionally, a drop box is located in the upper level of the Campus Center for students to make individual donations.

Backman said his goal is to collect 500 cans for donation. Based on the last count, the group is close to reaching its goal.

"We are gearing towards people who are going abroad next semester and need to clean out their stuff anyway," Strauss, a junior, said. "So if anyone has extra [cans], they're very helpful."

Sophomore engineer Jonah Harris has designed a plan to build the menorah with Backman.

"We spent some time toying with whatever cans we had and we came up

with [a] pretty good system," Harris said. "We think it will look pretty nice. We're looking forward to a great evening."

Strauss invites students to meet at noon at the Campus Center to help construct the Canorah before the lighting ceremony. The event will feature performances from the Pep Band; traditional Hanukkah foods, such as latkes and jelly donuts; and an appearance from University President Anthony Monaco, Backman said.

The Canorah is observed on many other Chabad campuses and is part of an effort from the Chabad House to extend its service to the community, Strauss explained.

"The Chabad House kind of excels in looking for ways in making Jewish tradition and Jewish ideals very accessible to the community, and this Hanukkah celebration has always been along those lines," Backman said. "And, of course, feeding the hungry has always been a very Jewish tradition as well."

Backman believes that Hanukkah is an especially good time to reach out to those in need.

"There's a powerful message to the Hanukkah lights," he said. "When you light a candle, if there's a concept there, you add real light to the darkness that exists in the world. You're literally having an impact on people who are kind of in the dark when it comes to having basic necessities."

—by Abigail Feldman

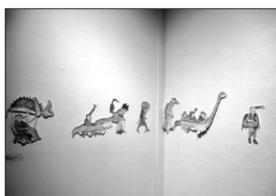
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# Fall 2012: A semester in review

Compiled by the Tufts Daily News Department



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## Administrative changes

The beginning of the semester saw new Provost and Senior Vice President David Harris' arrival on the Hill, coming off his work as the interim head of Cornell University's Africana Studies and Research Center and as an advisor for the Obama administration. As provost—the chief academic officer at Tufts—Harris replaced interim Provost Peggy Newell and former Provost Jamshed Barucha, who left Tufts in March 2011.

Newell accepted the position of Harvard University's first deputy provost, leaving the Hill last month. Having worked at Tufts since 1982, Newell spent the last nine years of her time here as vice provost and interim provost.

Linda Snyder assumed the position of vice president for operations on Oct. 9, held since Jan. 2010 by Dick Reynolds (A '67). Snyder previously served as vice president for campus planning and facilities at Dartmouth College.

LouAnn Westall was named associate provost of academic planning, a new position created to facilitate the university-wide strategic plan. Westall has extensive

experience in academic planning, including at Harvard Medical School.

The university spent much of the semester searching for replacements for several key positions, including dean of the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, a search that was meant to start last year but was delayed in the absence of a permanent provost and senior vice president. Interim Dean of the Friedman School Robin Kanarek will continue to hold her position until the search is completed by the end of the academic year.

The search for a new dean of the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, which was originally suspended in March 2011, was also delayed until this year. The post is currently held by Nancy Wilson ad interim, and the search is set to continue through the academic year.

A new search also began for chair of the Department of Drama and Dance, after Downing Cless announced his retirement from the post at the end of this academic year. Cless has served 33 years in the department, including as chair from 1995 to 2001, and since 2009.

## Election buzz

Election frenzy took over campus this fall as student groups' semester-long efforts to register voters and garner support culminated with Election Day on Nov. 6.

Members of Tufts Democrats canvassed, made phone calls and held volunteer recruitment drives in support of President Barack Obama and Massachusetts senatorial candidate Elizabeth Warren, both of whom were elected. The group teamed up with a number of student-run organizations, most notably Tufts Votes, to increase voter registration numbers.

Tufts Republicans focused mainly on re-electing senator Scott Brown (R-Mass, LA '81) and teamed up with statewide organization Students for Scott Brown to support the campaign in different areas of Massachusetts by canvassing and phone banking. They also worked with Tufts Votes, which

served as an umbrella group for campus get-out-the-vote efforts.

The Office of the Provost held "Engage the Debate", a faculty panel and community forum prior to a live viewing of the second presidential debate to educate attendees about the election's key issues.

Election Day did not come without problems, as many students who attempted to cast ballots at the Gantcher Center polling location were told their names were not on registration records for that polling area. Those who were turned away were, reportedly, eventually allowed to cast provisional ballots instead.

That night, students filled Hotung Café in the Mayer Campus Center for the Experimental College's Election Night Extravaganza. Multiple television screens and emcees entertained and informed the audience with live election results.



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## New university programs

The university launched a minor in Asian American studies this fall in response to growing interest and concern among students that a program for Asian American students did not exist. The six-credit, interdisciplinary minor is housed under the American Studies program.

22 freshmen participated in the pilot of Bridge to Liberal Arts Success (BLAST) at Tufts over the summer to ease their transition into university-level coursework. BLAST mirrors Bridge to Engineering Success at Tufts (BEST) and allows incoming freshmen to take two university classes in a six-week summer session before matriculation.

The Africana Studies major and minor arrived on the Hill after years of negotiations between students and the administration. Faculty in the School of Arts and Sciences last May voted to move forward with the proposal to create an Africana Studies major and minor.

A film studies major may soon debut at Tufts, due to the efforts of faculty in the Communications and Media Studies program, the Department of Drama and Dance and the International Letters and Visual Studies program. Dean of Academic Affairs for Arts and Sciences Nancy Bauer aims to hire a tenure-track professor to help jumpstart creation of the major.

Next semester the university will commence the Tufts Effectiveness in Administrative Management project, working with University President Anthony Monaco's 10-year strategic plan. The project aims to analyze and improve the administrative structure at Tufts.

Monaco this semester initiated a 10-year strategic plan to refresh and redefine the Tufts experience. Along with Provost and Senior Vice President David Harris, Monaco has created committees and working groups to shape the content of the plan.



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## Construction zones

The Steve Tisch Sports and Fitness Center opened Sept. 1, completing the first of several phases to overhaul the Medford/Somerville campus' athletic facilities. The three-story building features over 70 new exercise machines.

Tufts' School of Medicine announced plans to build a biosafety level 3 laboratory in the existing Arnold Wing of the Biomedical Research and Public Health Building. Students and faculty will use the area specifically for tuberculosis research and the new lab will include state-of-the-art equipment such as an air filtration system and backup generators.

Renovations to Tisch Library

will take place after focus groups announce their proposed changes to the building. Suggestions so far include a system to reserve group study rooms, as well as adding more desktop computers.

Cohen Auditorium will undergo renovations this summer, including the installation of a new projector and lectern and more wheelchair accessible seating.

The administration began writing a five-year capital plan to outline future maintenance and construction projects at each school. Plans include upgrading existing athletic facilities and constructing a science building on the Medford/Somerville campus.

## Activism on the Hill

The Responsible Endowment Collective, a student group concerned with the university's endowment investment profile, met with members of the administration to discuss the possibility of ceasing investment in companies on the Carbon Tracker Initiative's list of 200 publicly traded oil, gas and coal companies. The group has met with difficulty, as the university invests the endowment

through fund managers and is unable to name the carbon companies in which it invests.

The Sustainable Action Squad, a branch of the Tufts Sustainability Collective, is submitting a proposal for an Environmental House on campus. If the Office of Residential Life and Learning accepts the proposal, the house will be used to show films and host environmentally themed events.

## Hot topics on the Hill

An external attorney was hired by the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) to investigate claims that Tufts students yelled sexist insults during a Sept. 21 women's volleyball game against Smith College. The OEO opted for an external attorney, given the situation's gravity and the involvement of another university.

Tufts Christian Fellowship's (TCF) recognition was temporarily suspended by the Tufts Community Union (TCU) Judiciary in September under the stipulation that TCF change its constitution so as not to exclude students from leadership based on their beliefs. TCF submitted a revised constitution in October, but the Judiciary still found it to be discriminatory and the group lost its recognition. TCF brought the case to the Committee on Student Life (CSL), which this month ruled that TCF will remain "conditionally recognized." The CSL developed a new policy that allows student religious groups to apply for exemption from the university nondiscrimination policy.

The Board of Trustees revoked Lance Armstrong's honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in light of the United States Anti-Doping Agency's findings that he had used performance-enhancing drugs throughout his career. The university awarded Armstrong the degree at Commencement in 2006.



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## TCU Senate brings new initiatives to the table

Tufts Community Union (TCU) President Wyatt Cadley, a senior, this semester developed a new Community Outreach Liaison position within the Senate to facilitate communication between students living off campus and the local community and city governments.

The Senate unanimously passed a resolution in support of the new Africana studies major. The resolution includes a series of recommendations for the development of the major,

including an introduction course and additional funding.

The body passed a resolution that recommends additional safety measures at the intersection of Packard Avenue and Powderhouse Boulevard after a student was hit by a motor vehicle at the intersection in November.

The Senate also unanimously passed a resolution in support of need-blind admissions, although acknowledging that prospects for such a policy are low at this time.

## Cage Rage held, cancels WinterFest

The indie-rock band Cold War Kids headlined the third annual Cage Rage Concert on Saturday, with Guards performing as the opening act.

WinterFest, which was held for the first time last year as a replacement for

Naked Quad Run (NQR), did not take place due to a lack of student interest. WinterFest last year featured inflatable attractions and food trucks, with \$24,000 of funding allocated toward the week-end-long event.



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## Going digital on the Hill, new plans for SIS

The Integrated Student Information System (ISIS) Project, which will replace the current SIS, entered its second of three phases this February.

The new system is slated for completion in time for course registration next fall. It is intended to feature a more modern interface.

The university made the switch from paper to online course evaluations this semester, a process that has been in the works since the 2009-2010 academic year.

Although the online evaluations contain the same questions as the paper evaluations, the move is expected to increase the efficiency of processing and accessing of data.

## Policy revisions

The university this summer revised the Sexual Misconduct Adjudication Process and created a new Sexual Misconduct Policy. The new policy uses gender-neutral and sexual orientation-neutral language and includes definitions of stalking, relationship violence, sexual harassment and sexual assault.

The Department of Public and Environmental Safety updated its disaster preparedness guidelines, creating protocols for dealing with hurricanes, extreme heat and winter storms. The new guidelines devote an entire section to power outages, rather than counting them with other natural disasters.

The university enacted its new Policy to Protect Children and Prevent Abuse, which codifies the university's response to suspected child abuse. The policy will ensure compliance with Massachusetts regulations by routing abuse reports through the Tufts University Police Department and by having student volunteers sign a policy form before working with children.

## Renowned speakers visit the Hill

Mel King, senior lecturer emeritus at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and former candidate for Boston Mayor, visited the Hill to talk about his experience as a social activist.

As part of the Tufts Lecturainment Weekend, speechwriter Jon Lovett discussed his time working for U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and President Barack Obama, as well as his new NBC sitcom "1600 Penn."

Journalist and author of "America's Other Army" Nicholas Kralev delivered a speech at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy on the U.S. Foreign Service.

Jared Sexton, director of African American Studies at the University of California, Irvine, delivered the inaugural lecture for Tufts' new Africana studies major and minor housed under the Africana Studies Program.

Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union Anthony Romero visited campus to discuss freedom of speech for the 16th Richard E. Snyder President's Lecture.

United Nations Special Rapporteur Olivier De Schutter spoke on food security and global hunger.

Author of "Fast Food Nation" Eric Schlosser came to the Hill to speak on the mistreatment of laborers in the food industry as a part of Tufts Hillel's Moral Voices Merrin Distinguished Lecture Series.

## Emphasis on safety

This semester marked the debut of a revamped safety escort service on the Medford/Somerville campus. The Department of Public and Environmental Safety introduced GoSafe, an updated version of the former Safe Ride, to focus on students concerned about their safety between destinations, rather than students seeking alternative transportation.

Public Safety made public its plans to install a video security system on

all three Tufts campuses, beginning in January 2013. The cameras, to be installed in plain sight, are aimed at crime deterrence. Community meetings held by DPES revealed some students' opposition to the system's implementation for privacy reasons.

This September, a Tufts student was sexually assaulted upon exiting the Jackson Photo Lab in the Aidekman Arts Center at a late hour. Tufts University Police Department officers that night



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apprehended the assailant in South Hall. The Somerville resident, unaffiliated with the university, was charged with indecent assault and battery and trespassing by Somerville Police. The incident brought renewed community focus on sexual assault prevention.

Hurricane Sandy caused minor wind and flood damage to the Tufts campuses because of administrative preparedness and abated storm conditions upon arrival in the region. The university canceled classes for one day due to unsafe weather conditions. The Grafton campus lost power for two days, but the Medford/Somerville campus only

experienced minor electricity loss and a number of fallen tree limbs.

There was increased attention to pedestrian safety on and around campus after a student was struck by a car and hospitalized on Nov. 8 at the intersection of Powderhouse Boulevard and Packard Avenue. The City of Somerville, with input from Tufts Public Safety, responded to the accident by placing a speed radar sign, pedestrian crossing signs and a new LED traffic light at the intersection. The incident was the most recent of several pedestrian accidents at the intersection over the past several years.

## Memory book to highlight senior events

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yearbook, making a large yearbook, gathering club and athletic pictures and capturing a fair representation of life at Tufts was difficult.

"We decided to alleviate some of these problems," he said.

The Senior Memory Book is produced entirely in color, is smaller than a yearbook and costs \$50, Golia said.

"On our end, it's much easier to produce," he said. "[There is] less aggravation. It's actually very doable for just one student to work on."

Last year, the OCL received no complaints about the Senior Memory Book and the change appeared to satisfy both students and parents, Golia said.

However, sales of the Senior Memory Book were not greater than those of the yearbook, still matching the average of 400, according to Golia.

"[It's an] interesting sign for what we'll do in the future," he said. "It may be in the future that it'll die out eventually. Right now, we have the ability [to produce one]."

"The book this year features a letter from the president, senior portraits and candid photographs of senior events," Golia said. "Students are encouraged to send in photographs but are not

guaranteed that the pictures will be published."

The memory book is targeted specifically at seniors, as they were the only class previously purchasing the yearbook, according to Golia. It therefore highlights the senior class and events.

There are photographers at every event on campus whose photos can be accessed for use in the memory book, senior Sarah Davis said. Davis is the lone student working on the Senior Memory Book and is also a layout editor for the Daily.

Davis said she and the OCL are currently gathering photographs and are using a template from last year's Senior Memory Book to plan out this year's version. Work on the book will continue into the spring.

"Hopefully I'll be able to get a lot of photos from seniors," she said.

The Senior Memory Book is also advertised to parents, according to Golia. Parents receive a letter regarding the book twice, once in the fall and another in the spring, he said.

Parents also have the option of submitting advertisements for their students, Davis said.

Generally, students seem unaware of the existence of the Senior Memory Book and how it differs from a traditional

yearbook.

"I don't really know the difference," senior Catherine Heyward said. "I don't know how long it is. But you never know what you're missing out on ... I should get one just in case."

I'm probably not going to buy a senior ring," Senior Jabulani Carnegie seemed indifferent to the memory book.

"I probably won't buy one," he said. "[They are] not appealing at all."



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For the second year in a row, the Office for Campus Life (OCL) will offer a Senior Memory Book instead of a traditional yearbook because the memory book is cheaper and requires a smaller staff to produce.

## Application cycle for fourth sorority to begin

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Tufts mission statement, Pruitt said.

An official bulletin announcing the extension was sent out to the NPC on Nov. 27, inviting the 23 NPC sororities to apply for the new spot, according to Pruitt.

According to McGlone, the application cycle will remain open until the end of January, at which time a Tufts extension committee will review and interview all applicants. The top three sororities, chosen based on a quantitative scoring system, will then be invited to present on campus in March before PhC delegates from each sorority make the final vote.

Pruitt said that the new sorority will

be eligible for a house on campus after three years.

Extension has been informally discussed for years but without practical traction due to a lack of precedence, Pruitt said. The most recently established sorority chapter at Tufts, the Alpha Phi chapter, came to Tufts in 1978.

Last spring, the PhC formed an exploratory committee to assess the issue before opening the vote to the wider Panhellenic community, according to Pruitt. Topics under consideration included the history of Greek organizations on campus, the availability of space and an analysis of recruitment numbers.

According to Pruitt, chapter sizes at Tufts range between 80 and 90 in the fall and add

over 30 new recruits in the spring, causing capacity issues with groups of over 100.

"For a campus our size, we're on the larger end," she said.

Another factor contributing to the decision was the current imbalance between the number of fraternities and sororities at Tufts, Pruitt said.

"It'll help the balance," she said. "It'll be nice to have more women and even numbers."

McGlone noted the hope for the new sorority's role in fostering greater inter-Greek community life.

"We're looking for an organization that can be a part of our community but also bring something new to the community," she said. "New programs or new initia-

tives that can help continue to elevate the fraternity and sorority community."

Pruitt estimated an expected 40 to 50 new recruits for the new sorority in the first year.

"Ideally the new chapter should within a few years be able to conceivably reach an equivalent size to the sororities that are already here," she said.

Chi Omega President Linzy Prudden said she is excited that Greek life is expanding on campus.

"Having the average chapter size grow smaller is [also] more reflective of what the Greek community strives for [at Tufts]," Prudden, a junior, said. "Smaller communities where people can really foster closer relationships."

## New department to focus on infectious diseases and global health

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standing global health and the impact of those interfaces between humans and animals, and broaden the scope of our interface and research interactions in terms of greater global reach," she said.

Associate Professor of Environmental and Population Health Dr. Florina Tseng acknowledged that there are many infectious diseases emerging worldwide that can be transmitted from animals to people and she hopes the new department will enhance research in this area.

"My vision is that we continue to really strengthen the different areas of the school that will be in the new department that are already well-known parts of the school [and to] further collaboration across different areas of the school to promote global health," she said. "I certainly hope that we're going to be able to see at least one or two fairly robust programs that Tufts is involved in globally that really address all the different aspects of human, animal and ecosystem health on an international basis and that that will hopefully involve students as well as faculty." Although Kochevar has high expectations for the new department, Tseng said that staff members are still working on the logistics of its creation.

"Because this is a new department a lot of what we're doing right now is just trying to lay the groundwork for things like curricular responsibilities, trying to figure out staffing needs and even drafting a mission statement for the new departmental website," Tseng said.

Tseng said she and Associate Professor of Biomedical Sciences Dr. Patrick Skelly will be the associate chairs of the new department which will be led by Saul Tzipori, the director of DID. While this will be the fourth department at the Cummings School, staffing levels will remain relatively unchanged, according to Kochevar.

"We had two faculty positions that were

open for different reasons, so both of those positions will be filled as part of the new department," she said. "We will divide faculty and staff accordingly and the minimum expense that will occur will come with sorting out administration details."

Kochevar said that the school was also the recipient of a five-year, \$20 million RESPOND grant from the United States Agency for International Development

(USAID), which is currently in its fourth year. Additional faculty in the department will be funded by the grant.

While Kochevar hopes the new department will increase collaboration, she said there will not be many immediately visible differences to students at the school.

According to Tseng, course offerings will remain the same for the time being, although some will migrate into the

new department.

"As we continue to work together more, hopefully we'll be able to look at the curriculum more critically and think about if there are ways we can improve what we are offering and take advantage of the different people in the department," she said. "Those are some of the larger questions we will be looking at over the next few years."

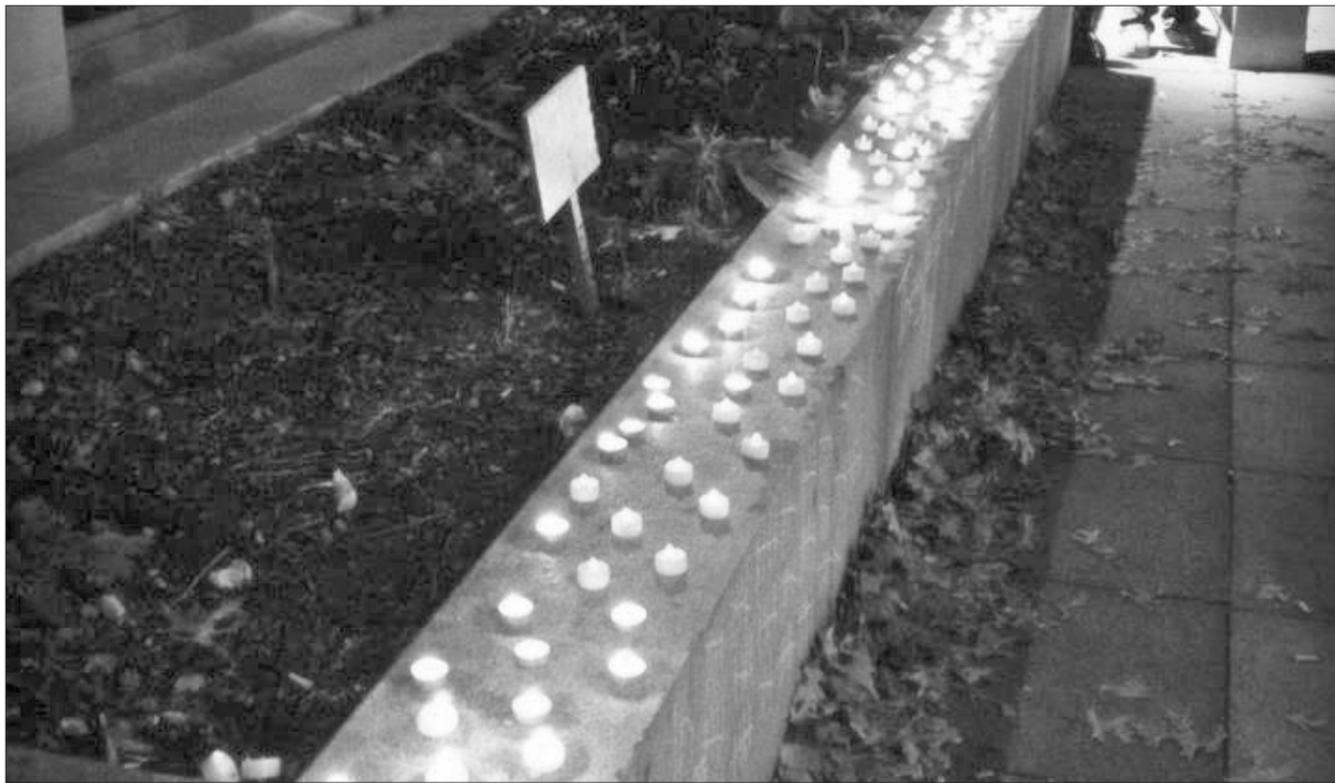


COURTESY CUMMINGS SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Last month, the Academic Affairs Committee approved the creation of the Department of Infectious Disease and Global Health at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine.

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Students for Justice in Palestine organized a vigil last month to honor the victims of the recent violence in the Middle East.

## In wake of Gaza violence, despite tension campus discourse remains civil

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As rockets flew in the Gaza Strip last month and the latest bout of violence in the conflict in the Middle East played out, university students across the U.S. and on the Hill had a choice to make.

They could retreat to their respective camps of opinion, stick to the facts they had been taught and hurl ideologically charged diatribes in the form of demonstrations or op-ed submissions, just as much of the rest of America was doing.

Or they could take the high road.

Campus leaders and those with an active role in discussions about the conflict have said that Tufts students, for the most part, chose the latter, creating an environment for complex dialogue that — at least this time — has remained tense but generally levelheaded and sensitive to the intricacies of the issues.

Senior Daniel Bleiberg previously served as the president of Tufts' Friends of Israel (FOI) and is now the group's representative to campus organization Tufts American Israel Alliance. He said that in his discussions with friends and other campus leaders passionate about the issue, he has found a rich and meaningful level of discourse.

"Overall, I thought that the atmosphere on campus was very civil," Bleiberg said. "I think everyone's been very respectful throughout these difficult weeks despite the intense controversy of the issue."

Sophomore Munir Atalla, a member of the Tufts chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), said while the discourse in public and organized events has remained academic and considerate on all sides, the self-selecting power of social media sites and students' ability to use links and comments as a form of communication instead of face-to-face interaction has made the online discourse, specifically, somewhat more polarized.

"A lot of people on the Tufts campus kind of look at the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as falling into this false dichotomy of Israel versus Palestine and then kind of check out ... because there are so many emotions," he said. "I think that a lot of times you see people who have a very certain understanding of the issue posting on Facebook things that are very offensive and not really doing anything constructive."

In person, however, at discussions and vigils on campus organized by groups like SJP, FOI, J-Street and the New Initiative for Middle East Peace (NIMEP), conversations have been largely devoid of hostility.

"The conflict is much more complicated than ... pro-Palestine versus pro-Israel,

that's not the way things are," Atalla said. "I think that a lot of people do understand that nuance."

At a FOI-organized event called Cafe Dilemma, at which attendees regularly discuss and debate issues related to Israel, students gathered following the November violence to address the situation. According to Bleiberg, the event was well attended.

"People were able to speak very openly and introduce challenging questions, and I really benefited from having that safe space to talk about it," Bleiberg said.

The campus' overall inclusion of a more diverse and multi-faceted approach to discussing the conflict in the Middle East is a recent phenomenon, new to Tufts in the past few years, Atalla said. He attributed this change partially to an increasing diversity of perspectives on campus—including the Palestinian narrative that SJP promotes — that has pushed the discussion away from what he once saw as a largely one-sided conversation.

"SJP is doing a lot of awareness-raising," he said. "We're a group that provides a variety of different views on campus, [and] we're bringing a different narrative to campus that was previously unheard," he said.

"For the longest time, there was only one narrative on campus, and it was a very Zionist narrative," he added. "Part of the reason things have gotten better is because our thoughts have picked up traction, and we have a lot more members now and a lot more people who are willing to look at the issue from multiple perspectives ... and say, 'Let me try to figure this out on a more nuanced level.'"

FOI President Shira Shamir, a junior, agreed that the civility that characterized the public discourse on violence in Gaza was partially due to a proliferation of varying narratives on campus, but also said it was related to students' understanding of the most recent clashes as a humanitarian, as compared with political, crisis.

"I don't really think it has been particularly polarized," she said. "I think in large part [that was because], for this particular issue, that it was a very human one."

She cited a moment of silence carried out at an FOI event held after the violence began and vigils SJP and J-Street organized to honor Israeli and Palestinian victims.

"I think you're finding a lot of respect for the innocent people who are being caught in the crossfire here," Shamir said. "It was more of a focus on the human element of it."

NIMEP Executive Board member Stephanos Karavas, a senior, said that while it's hard to generalize the conversations he's had since the November shelling, he has found that through NIMEP, the Tufts com-

munity has made an impressive effort to engage in organized discussion about the issues objectively rather than ideologically.

"At least once a semester, NIMEP hosts a discussion that somehow relates to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and they tend to be very charged, very ideological and sometimes heated discussions," he said. "This past one that we had was confined to a much smaller group of people ... [but it was also] a very policy-oriented discussion focusing mainly on the main questions that had to do with ... the strategic goals of Hamas, Israel and the Egyptian state under Mohamed Morsi."

"It was comforting to me given the past precedent of very ideological, very heated discussions on the issue to see that," he said.

On a personal level, however, outside of NIMEP discussions and organized vigils, Karavas said he was disappointed with the unyielding approach many of his fellow Jumbos took when discussing the violence.

"Naturally, in public individuals ... are more accountable for what they say. And what they say is under greater scrutiny, so they're a lot more careful with how they present their opinions," he said.

Among fellow students he's spoken to on a personal basis or via Facebook, though, he still sees room for improvement.

"I saw a lot more of the same of what I've seen over the past four years," he said. "[They're] very closed-minded people, people that have made up their minds about which side they find themselves on in the dispute and are very entrenched in their beliefs."

Perhaps because a university climate is more conducive to thoughtful discussion, or because there are more venues for open dialogue specifically at Tufts, most student leaders agreed that Tufts is an anomaly.

"I definitely don't think it's typical on this campus," Bleiberg said. "I can't speak for other campuses, but I do know there have been some very unfortunate incidents ... where students do feel polarized, and I haven't really heard of that kind of fighting at Tufts. People really ... grappled with the issues in a substantive way."

Atalla said the university setting and the relatively numerous groups dedicated to providing forums for discussion about the Middle East were contributing factors.

"We definitely have a lot of intellectual freedom at Tufts so we can play with this issues, and discuss them in classes and groups," Atalla said. "There are multiple clubs ... where people can take their ideas and develop their understanding of an issue and decide whether they feel like taking action on that issue."

ALANNA TULLER | ARCHIVE ADDICT

### Final fix



As much as I'm trying to fight it, it's time to face the facts: this will, sadly, be my final Archive Addict installment of the semester. Actually, scratch that; it's been kind of exhausting to raid the Archives for a new story every week.

Don't get me wrong; even though the Archives contain a lot of interesting snippets of information, in my opinion it's pretty boring to write (and to read) a column which resorts to listing disjointed bits of trivia. It is much rarer to stumble upon a story that leads you through a variety of primary sources and time periods, providing a solid context for those fun facts that inevitably work their way into any history.

Thankfully, after an hour of fruitless flipping through random editions of the Tufts Weekly, I happened upon what I thought would give me a final Archive fix of the semester: the Ivy Book, a pocket-sized student handbook first compiled in 1902 and distributed to all Jumbos on the Hill. After I got my hands on our collection of century-old Ivy books and began to read the delicate old volumes, it seemed as if they only contained information concerning Tufts' policies, student organizations, cheers and traditions. As I continued to scan the tiny volumes, however, I discovered that the Ivy Books also acted as daily planners with each edition containing a full, blank calendar in the back.

And, lucky for us, a lot of the Ivy Books in the Archives' collections actually used to belong to Tufts students, who left behind rather humorous accounts of student life on the Hill a century ago.

One Ivy Book from 1906, bound in crumbling leather and embossed with an alligator skin pattern, had the word "TUFTS" emblazoned in gold across the front and the name "Ruth G. Butters" carefully inked on the inside front cover. It actually appears that Ruth Butters used her Ivy Book as a diary, and for the first month or so she left a detailed record in her daily planner: "Sunday, September 16, 1906: Pleasant, cool. Went to church. Tuesday, September 18, 1906: Pleasant, hot. Ironed and went to Boston. Wednesday, September 19, 1906: Pleasant, hot. Went to Boston and embroidered."

It didn't make any sense to me; how could someone have time to go gallivanting around Boston and fulfill the domestic goddess archetype when she was supposed to be a college student? Didn't Ruth have papers to write and classes to attend?

Sure enough, the next entry cleared up my confusion:

"Thursday, September 20, 1906: Cloudy. Registered at College." I guess Ruth bade her free time a fond farewell after signing up for classes, because the record leaves off a few weeks later on Oct. 3.

Then there is the 1921 Ivy Book of Leo R. Lewis, apparently a musical fellow who had Glee Club and Band rehearsals penned in his planner five days a week. Many of his scribbles were nearly indecipherable, however, both in terms of his handwriting and the meanings of his black-crayon jottings. I think my favorite entry is the space for Sunday, July 23, 1922, which very simply contains the following: "Alligator Wrench." A close second is the page towards the back entitled "Memoranda" which reads "Prohibition has turned America into a Hippocracy [sic]."

Some students, however, actually used the Ivy Book planner for its intended purpose. One Virginia Drury filled her 1925 Ivy Book with innumerable sorority events and, after a particularly stressful week of tea parties at Alpha Omicron Pi and meetings at Sigma Kappa, she wrote something I think we're all looking forward to once finals are finally over:

"Saturday, October 31, 1925: Home! Sleep!"

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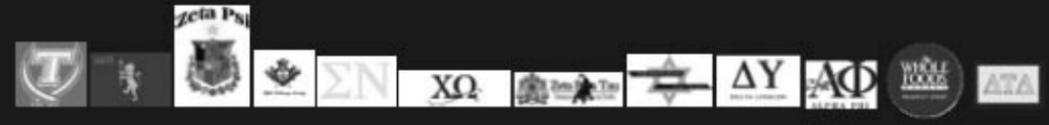
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ALBUM REVIEW



RICHARD CLIFFORD VIA FLICKR CREATIVE COMMONS

Overly similar tracks rapidly blend together on "Quarter Turns Over a Living Line."

## Raime debuts ethereal, monotonous album

### Lack of track distinction quickly makes Raime tedious

BY MATTHEW WELCH  
Daily Editorial Board

Equal parts post-rock, gnarly ambient music and industrial noise, electronic duo Raime brings a disparate smattering of

**Quarter Turns Over a Living Line**  
Raime



Blackest Ever Black

influences to its sound on "Quarter Turns Over a Living Line," its debut LP. Over the course of the album, Joe Andrews and Tom Halstead explore a focused set of textures and moods at a contemplative, deliberate pace that calls to mind the atmosphere of a creepy art house movie.

The album opens on an apocalyptic note with "Passed Over Trail," piping in waves of anonymous fuzz and machine sounds before accenting them with sporadic string swells in a style reminiscent of Godspeed You! Black Emperor's breakout album, "F# A# Infinity" (1997). The result is tranquil in a gloomy kind of way and it isn't long before the listener may feel a little unsettled. Whether or not that's a desirable quality is pretty subjective, but it's nice to see a group opening its album with such a moody piece.

Raime doesn't bring a groove to the listener until the second track of the album, "The Last Foundry." Even calling it a "groove" is a bit of a stretch: Raime prefers to set up an ambience rather than make any clear state-

ment. When the rhythms come in, they almost never shift, serving as a static counterpoint to the ever-changing textures that gradually accumulate over the course of the track.

Ideas are introduced and whisked away in a constant stream over this unbending rhythmic foundation, creating a sound that's constantly trying to reconcile two opposing dynamics. The vibe may be a bit tense and repetitive, but it's certainly compelling.

"Soil and Colts" opens with a more heavy-hitting beat than the preceding track, but it takes a largely similar approach to development as "The Last Foundry." The similarity between the two tracks illustrates a problem with Raime's

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GALLERY REVIEW

## Tyler and Wallach provocatively examine notions of times past

BY JACOB PASSY  
Daily Editorial Board

There's something amiss, something unseen. This, in short, is the gist of the MFA Thesis Exhibition open at the

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Koppelman Gallery at the Aidekman Arts Center through Dec. 16, featuring the work of SMFA dual-degree students K. Tyler and Rebecca Wallach.

The artists' grandmothers inspired both artists' exhibitions. Tyler's grandmother's home is the setting for her documentary landscapes, while the details and patterns of Wallach's grandmother's wardrobe influenced the intricacies of her drawings.



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Tyler's striking photographs depict scenes of North Dakotan landscapes.

However, the two women could not have presented shows that are more disparate. Wallach's work encompasses joyous depictions of senior citizens that seem to have much more soul than ink, graphite or gouache. On the other hand,

Tyler presents a more introspective collection of photographed landscapes depicting a transitional period in a small Midwestern town.

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ELIZABETH LANDERS | CAMPUS CHIC REPORT

## The perfect ugly holiday sweater



A year ago at Thanksgiving I was home in Tallahassee, basking in the warmth and bracing myself for the deluge of work and final exams that was surging towards me.

After sifting through a pile of sweaters to bring back to the colder weather at Tufts, my mom came in with a sweater of the most perfectly ugly proportions. Padded shoulders, quarter zip, blouson sleeves, complete with a red background with green bows knit all over and a snowflake charm.

"Oh, I'm so glad you're wearing that sweater again, Elizabeth! I used to wear it all the time for the holidays," burst my mother, thrilled to see it being put to good use. What she didn't realize was the completely ironic way young adults are sporting the beloved Christmas or general holiday sweater.

I constantly lament the fact that finals and the end-of-the-semester workload fall during the holiday season. With Hanukkah starting over the weekend and the spirit of Christmas starting sometime during the frenzy of Black Friday shopping, the holiday season is well underway by the time we return to campus. And, of course, that means the party circuit kicks off as well.

As college students, most of us are not attending office holiday parties where one co-worker inevitably drinks too much punch and we're not going to neighborhood Christmas parties to carol. But Tufts certainly throws enough eggnog parties, Greek formals and TDC after-parties to keep everyone preoccupied and procrastinating on their ELS group projects. Cue the holiday attire.

As I mentioned earlier, the ugly holiday sweater has become a staple of most festive college students at Tufts and across the country. I see pictures of my friends at major Southern state schools rocking similar attire, so rest assured that Tufts isn't the only school to think this is hilariously hideous.

A guy friend confessed to me that he purchased a brown snowflake sweater a year ago on eBay "for the season." He claims that some take it seriously, while others understand that it's just another ugly holiday sweater.

My mother's comment reconfirms a sneaking suspicion I had that what our generation deems as mostly unattractive and unflattering used to be considered festive and holiday-chic. No matter your religious affiliation, almost every family has a family picture of everyone decked to the nines in some sort of fuzzy, patterned sweater. Some are hand knit by a loving auntie or grandmother, while others are purchased from thrift stores like Goodwill or the Salvation Army Store. Regardless, what used to be sincere is now silly.

If you go the ugly sweater route, there are still some ways to rock the look without deteriorating to "early '80s" unsightly. Since these sweaters are usually a boxy fit, slim on bottom, for men and women alike, it keeps the look from being too old-fashioned. I think slim dark jeans or khakis present a good option for the gentleman. For the ladies, a sparkly skirt with tights or velvet leggings is a little dressier but still comfortable.

Extreme enthusiasm might consist of wrapping yourself in strands of holiday lights, ribbons and bows (hair, tops, sweater, etc) and wearing Santa hats galore. I'll stick to heaps of sequins, shine, metallics and cherry reds, though the zeal is admirable. As long as no one goes the SantaCon or NQR route, we'll all be merrily celebrating the holiday season — and we'll be doing it in style.

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## Wallach and Tyler's disparate MFA thesis exhibits complement each other well

### THESIS

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Tyler's "Sense of Place: Transitional Landscapes from the Evolving Plains" is a conceptual look into her grandmother's hometown in North Dakota. After the Garrison Dam Project destroyed two nearby residential areas, New Town was established by those who were displaced from their homes. Since oil was discovered in the area, the town has undergone a major economic boost.

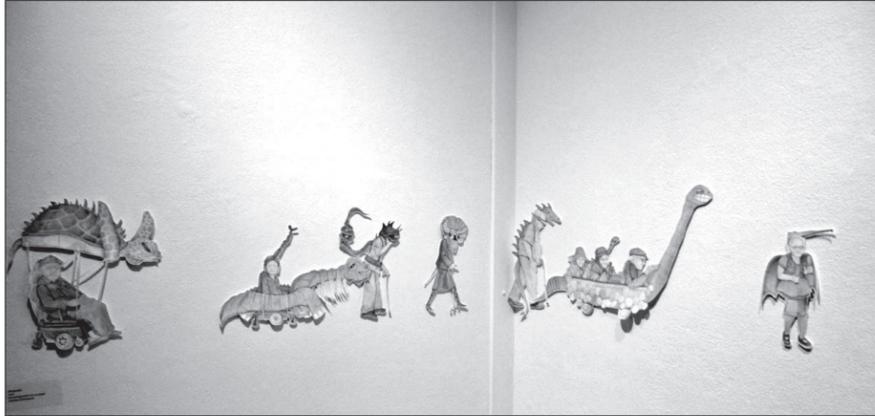
The history behind Tyler's work is perhaps the most striking element to the exhibition. The best snapshots in the collection are those that portray the conflict between the quaint small town and its impending growth. One image, "House on HWY 23," presents a truck towing a pre-made house to its final resting place.

Tyler's pieces were beautifully shot, particularly the moments that featured the piercing light of dawn and its reflection on the green North Dakotan terrain.

In spite of the technical skill she clearly possesses, Tyler's photographs were remarkably quiet. The message communicated in the artist's statement can, at times, be lost on the viewer, as the pieces feel more like fleeting moments than concrete statements. Nevertheless, Tyler manages to capture haunting scenes that are quickly becoming scarce.

Wallach's presentation, "Floating and Other Moments of Buoyancy," is a loud, humorous illustrated series of almost elegiac senior citizens. Her drawings depict these individuals in moments of play in order to connect them to the idea of youth. Indeed, the playfulness is an attempt to reassert their belonging as part of society and alter how people view their elders.

Much like Tyler's work, Wallach begins from an almost-political entry point. In her statement, Wallach explains that older individuals are often overlooked



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Wallach's "Dinosaurs!" is a fun and light-hearted piece that jumps outside its frame.

within our culture and tries to emphasize this societal problem through her art. As a result, her works almost feel like double entendres, paralleling her show's title.

A stunning example is "Dinosaurs!," a set of cut-out drawings mounted on a corner of the gallery, which shows a parade of elderly people dressed as the piece's namesakes. At first glance, it is difficult to describe this piece as anything but cute. Yet, after a closer look, the other definitions of buoyant emerge.

As with the rest of Wallach's work, the characters in "Dinosaurs!" have an almost ethereal quality. They could be your grandparents, or portraits of people long gone. Despite the liveliness captured in each image — from a group of women laughing around a game of mahjong to a group of senior citizen circus performers on a trapeze — there is a sense of sadness surrounding each of them.

Their palpable joy brings forth a sense of guilt, of a duty that's been forgotten. Adding to this sense of responsibility is the stark realness of Wallach's work. Her pictures are incredibly detailed, recalling the Japanese influences that she describes in her artist's statement. Every wrinkle, strand of hair and cloth-

ing pattern was rendered with immense precision. The contrast between this serious meticulousness and the levity of the scenes is extremely effective.

While the Japanese inspiration worked well in Wallach's level of detail, one could feel its presence in other, less comforting ways. Like characters out of a Hayao Miyazaki film, the subjects' proportions were often skewed. Heads were slightly too large, arms a bit too short and fingers a bit too thick.

In many instances, this interplay of reality and proportion-skewing fantasy is very interesting. In "Everything Feels/May Actually Be Much Lighter," a drawing of an adult swim class, the somewhat awkward proportions of the figures were reminiscent of those of a small child, again suggesting a connection to youth. Other times, though, the disproportional drawing seems like a possible mistake.

Tyler and Wallach both display immense skill. Their work is impressive in size and scale. If anything, viewers will leave Koppelman Gallery with the comfort of knowing that such skilled artists are capturing moments that often go unseen. Perhaps their future work will unmask more of society's little treasures.

## Though homogenous, Raime's debut worth hearing

### RAIME

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approach: Though the duo makes some very expressive music, there is not much variety to it. Each song, taken separately, is a tautly constructed atmosphere, but this potency is rapidly diminished when placed in the context of an album.

While Raime was obviously not aiming for a broad tonal palette when it set out to make "Quarter Turns Over a Living Line," the group could have done more to flesh out the differences between the tracks on the album, either by structuring them differently or incorporating a wider range of sounds.

Almost every track begins with a primitive, persistent beat that becomes gradually submerged beneath growing synthesizers and white noise. Maybe people don't look to ambient/noise music for surprising song structures, but that's no reason to rely on the same approach for every track.

Even with the relatively short-running time of 37 minutes, "Quarter Turns Over a Living Line" can feel a bit long-winded. By the album's completion, the droning, reverberant tracks all feel like one big, moody rumination on something catastrophically unpleasant. Rather than feeding into the unity of the album as separate, distinct contributions, the songs are homogenous enough to give the listener this nebulous impression.

This isn't necessarily problematic, though Raime's music seems to pack the most punch when it's taken in smaller doses, whether by listening to one track at a time or picking slices of the album to listen to. For the adventurous listener, the group does some interesting work, but chances are "Quarter Turns Over a Living Line" will only be fully embraced by noise music enthusiasts and listeners with considerable patience. If you're willing to take the plunge, go for it, but the waters are pretty murky.

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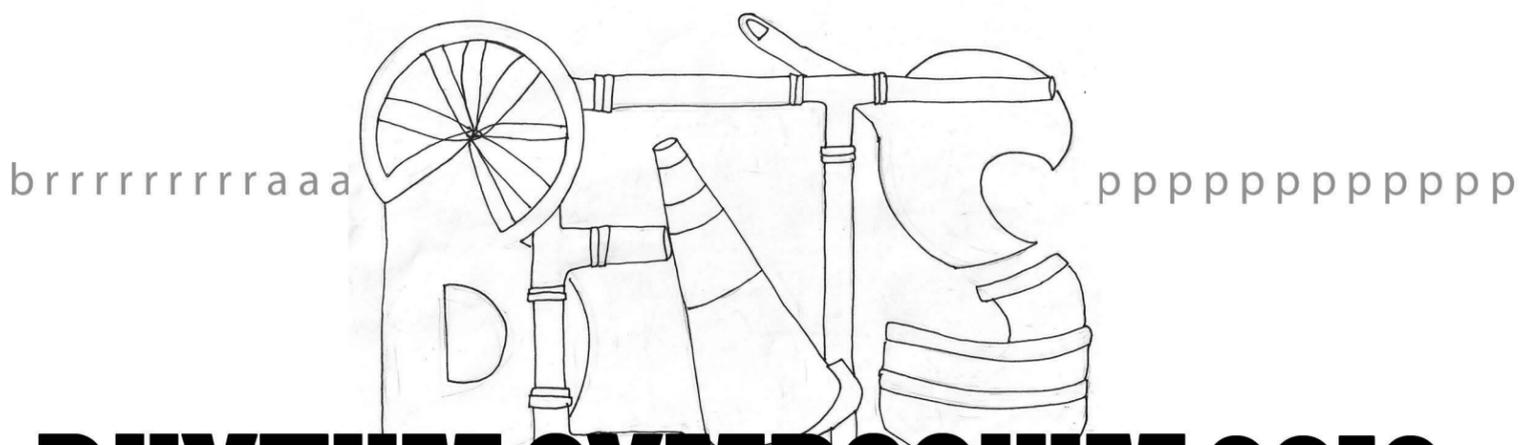
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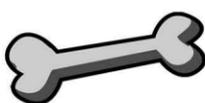
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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

My final words as the Daily's editor-in-chief could assume so many forms. I could write a love letter exalting this publication, the editorial on Lady Gaga that we never resorted to running or the Oscar speech I'm unlikely ever to give — just to drive my managing editors up a wall ("Rebecca, no. This is not The Rebecca K. Santiago Tufts Daily Magazine"). And though components of those may eke through, I want to use this space to thank you, whether you're one of my editors, a regular reader or just picking up this paper on a whim.

Since I started writing for the paper as a freshman, I've heard the Daily described as the campus' best news source, a mouthpiece for the administration, impressive, ignorable and very mediocre material for making paper airplanes. After this semester, I would describe this paper as just one

component of the energetic dialogue that our campus ceaselessly engages in and is defined by.

Seeing the work that goes into production, I can't help but to view each issue as a staggering accomplishment. Watching videos on our blog and scrolling through live tweets on our Twitter, I am amazed by our presence beyond our beloved but disintegrating print medium. Reading your letters, both commending and condemning our work here, I am reminded that, despite having much to be proud of, we are imperfect. We are, according to our constitution, "a learning experience." Our angriest readers are, oftentimes, our most valuable teachers, and we are grateful for them.

The broadsheet you're holding in your hands is the product of hard work, student input, arguments, tough decisions, good

intentions and — in my admittedly biased opinion — extremely solid reporting. It is a small miracle that could not exist without the efforts of our brilliant masthead and the reactions of the Tufts community.

So thank you, readers, for reading. Thank you, Daily staff, for doing your thing. Thank you, Ben Kochman and Falcon Reese, for being right-hand men whose likes are unrivaled in human history. Thank you to whoever is fact-checking this for letting that statement stand. And thank you all for taking part in this ongoing educational experience. Enjoy winter break, but don't set your thinking caps aside for good — the Daily will be back in January.

Thank you,  
Rebecca Santiago  
Editor-in-Chief

## JEHAN MADHANI



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

In the wake of last week's decision by the Committee on Student Life (CSL) to institute a new policy wherein Chaplaincy-affiliated organizations may apply for a "religious exemption" from the Tufts Community Union (TCU) non-discrimination policy, I am compelled — by my dedication to pluralism and to upholding a welcoming campus environment — to make something abundantly clear:

As the president of the Tufts Freethought Society (TFS), a TCU Council IV Chaplaincy-affiliated student group, I can confidently say on behalf of the TFS executive leadership that Tufts Freethought has no intention to make use of this policy, and many of our members actively oppose it. We are a community group for nonreligious students, but we welcome, and have welcomed for a long time, religious and theistic students into our group of friends. Indeed, we currently have spiritual students on our executive board. Our commitment is to making a safer culture for the nonreligious, and doing program-

ming to that end, not to segregating ourselves off from a largely religious society and drawing lines between our "in" group and those on the outside.

I myself identify as a nontheist Quaker, meaning I draw inspiration from the teachings and practices of the Friends community while maintaining an atheistic and humanistic worldview. Under the new CSL legislation, it is entirely plausible to imagine a leadership board of Tufts Freethought using the new CSL exemption to prevent me from holding office in TFS, according to "doctrinal justification" from various texts and teachings by atheist leaders. I have experienced criticism — almost entirely from various members of the atheist movement — for my commitment to pluralism, and in the past two years have observed our organization's move from a community dedicated almost exclusively to debate and science to one where those elements are absolutely a part of our repertoire, but where social justice and working alongside religious organizations for dialogue and service have also taken a major role in our

programming. This could easily not be possible under the new policy imposed on the student body. I could well be left without the community that has been central to my experience and growth as a student at Tufts and the loving friendships that have supported me so greatly.

Tufts Freethought will not be utilizing this CSL policy to define our community's spiritual and moral preferences for them. This new legislation is an affront to the very freedom of religion that allows groups like ours to exist — it gives elites the power to define institutions, rather than those constituencies that the institutions claim to represent. The CSL claimed that this would be a policy universal to religious organizations on campus, but it does not represent us. It is insulting that they would assume all the religious communities on campus would find useful a loophole for discrimination like the one they've implemented.

Sincerely,  
Walker Bristol  
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

We, as members of the leadership of the Tufts University Unitarian Universalists (TU3), wish to formally make our disagreement with the discrimination policy of the Committee on Students (CSL) and the Chaplaincy's adoption of the aforementioned policy known. This policy is one which upholds, and validates, discrimination under the guise of religious freedom. We see the language of "justified" discrimination as abhorrent and antithetical to both the mission

of Tufts University and, more specifically, to our own personal, spiritual consciousness. The Unitarian Universalist tradition is specifically anti-discriminatory; the first Principle of Unitarian Universalism is that we affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person. In our tradition it is anti-religious to codify discrimination in the way the CSL decision does. In the spirit of our larger religious tradition we embrace those who are "exceptions" under other religious circumstances. TU3 will not now, or ever, seek a doctrinal exception from the

University Chaplaincy. This pledge is both because we view the absolutist power the University Chaplaincy now wields as distinctly immoral, and also because TU3 has no need to make exceptions to the university's nondiscrimination policy as it is written.

Sincerely,  
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## Why I am a leader in TCF

BY JESSICA LAPORTE

My name is Jessica Laporte and I am a junior serving as part of the Vision and Planning Team (VPT) of Tufts Christian Fellowship. I am sharing my story with the Tufts campus because I think that it is relevant to many of the current issues and conversations on campus regarding Tufts Christian Fellowship.

I wanted to offer how I have come to understand sexuality in my own life and how that plays out in my role as a member of the VPT.

On Nov. 22, 2009, I answered a call to faith sitting next to a friend who had illuminated the Gospel to me through her life and through the story of Jesus's life, death and resurrection. The decision to give over my life to Jesus was motivated by a new understanding of what the "good news" I had heard Christians talk about actually meant. That morning, I realized that the call to follow Jesus was not dependent on me "living by the rules" or being a "good person."

I came before God with baggage (and a hangover). I came with things that tormented me, like depression. I came with decisions that I regretted, like hook-ups and the ways I had failed to respect the sacrifices my mother had made for my education. I came with a heavy responsibility that I had put on my accomplishments and work. But I realized that in light of the atoning sacrifice of Jesus, it didn't matter what I came with. When God looks upon me, he sees the perfection of Christ — not my million and one imperfections.

In response to the Gospel I have chosen to submit my life to Christ. Luke 9: 23-25 reads: "Then he said to them all: If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?"

Everyday, I am learning what it means to deny myself — my desires, my preferences, my dreams, my everything — and follow Jesus. The crazy part is that in denying to myself, I am not receiving the raw end of a deal, because God blesses me with true, abundant life. I've found that in surrendering my life to Christ, I have not

lost what was given, but have had it returned to me in a way that more fully satisfies my longing for purpose and passion.

But Luke 9 goes on to say: "If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:26-27).

This I am also learning to do. Originally, I thought that this just meant explaining to people who God is, but I have come to see that it also means displaying the glory of God by embracing the transformation that continues to happen every day that I choose to follow him.

Sexuality — mostly just sex, at first — has been a very present part of my walk with Christ. I was not a virgin when I received the good news, and from day one I began to try to figure out what following Christ meant in regards to my sex life. I knew that Jesus had healed me from previous negative experiences and messed up relationships, and that I was now free in him to live abundantly. What I didn't know was what this meant for my sexuality.

Naturally, I wanted it to mean that I was now free to do as I please, but I quickly realized that I found more joy and satisfaction in submitting my sex life, my attractions, and my potential relationships to God.

I slowly learned that I am a not a sexual being, but a spiritual being — God's daughter. And his love has satisfied my hunger and thirst for emotional and physical love.

Here's where this gets relevant for this campus. I am a woman who is attracted to both men and women, which is something I finally had the courage to see and accept in my life. Before understanding my unconditional acceptance by God, I was unwilling to admit that I was attracted to women because I was afraid of what that would mean for my life.

I believe that God intended sex between one man and one woman in the context of marriage, and therefore, I will remain sexually chaste for the rest of my life or until I get married. This means that I will not date a woman, and even in a relationship with a man, our sexual intimacy would

reflect a mutual desire to glorify God before seeking human pleasure.

Although my orientation is not strictly "heterosexual," I am a leader in TCF because of my beliefs about what God intended for relationships. I am not a leader in TCF because "I chose to be straight" but because I have chosen to deny myself in all things and take up my cross daily in order to follow Christ. My sexuality is only one part of my identity that is being transformed by God's will.

It is difficult to hear people speaking out against TCF as an unsafe space for LGBT students because it's actually one of the only places that I feel comfortable discussing my sexuality. Until now, only a small number of good friends outside of TCF knew this about me, because I have been ashamed of sharing what God has taught me about sexuality. For me, TCF is the safest place on this campus for me to explore, understand and grow in my sexuality because the community shares in my doubts, my struggles and my faith.

People often assume that my understanding of sexuality automatically means that I am waiting for God to take these "desires" away from me in order to receive his love. I am not concerned with God loving me based on whether or not I ever reach a place where I am no longer attracted to women, because he has already proclaimed his love for the world through Jesus. Now, I simply live with an understanding of God's will and trust in the power of the Holy Spirit to refine my heart and my mind to walk in line with that in all things as I follow after Christ. If that means that some day I wake up feeling completely different, then great; but if not, that's great too. Either way, Jesus is alive, I am filled with the Holy Spirit and God is Good.

Three years ago, I decided to live for Christ because I realized that he had conquered sin and death in his crucifixion and resurrection. I live now knowing that I have received abundant, eternal life in Christ. I don't live to satisfy religious expectations, but to serve my savior and Lord.

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## A year of cyber



As the end of the year approaches, we can make New Year's cyber resolutions, which will hopefully be more effective than our usual "I'll eat healthier next year"-type resolutions, and we can reflect on the year that passed, a year that was significant in the cyber world for many reasons.

The year 2012 opened our eyes to the evolving strategies for cyber attack. The year 2012 saw attacks from two incredibly sophisticated pieces of malware. The Flame virus, detected in early May, went undetected in computer systems for over two years. Its subtle presence and lengthy implementation process illustrated how cyber tools of espionage can be "watching" for years without being detected.

Shamoon, a virus that hit the Saudi Aramco Oil Company in August, is now considered the most destructive piece of malware used to this day, as it destroyed the hard-drives of more than 60 percent of Aramco's computers. This virus is significant because it is suspected that this attack was retaliation from Iran, a country that has been the target of many large-scale cyberattacks — the most damaging ones from the United States and Israel. If Shamoon truly was a response to previous attacks, it could be indicative of the changing dynamics of unsavory cyber actions — the shift from spurious cyberattacks to directed cyber warfare.

The second reason that 2012 was a big year for the cyberworld was that it showed us that sophisticated code doesn't necessarily mean more powerful code because of a trickle down effect. The Shamoon virus, as mentioned above, was not nearly at the levels of sophistication that past viruses, like Duqu, Flame and Stuxnet, were. Much of code contained pieces of off-the-shelf code and premade software. And, despite Shamoon's patchwork design, it was incredibly damaging. Additionally, over the past year there has been a significant proliferation of domestic cyber hacking incidents. Techniques from sophisticated malware have trickled down to less-sophisticated coders, giving them the ability to attack domestic Internet users. No longer are large corporations or federally sponsored organizations the target — individual computer users have now been added to the pool of potential victims.

The third reason why 2012 is a big year for the cyber world is that the world saw an amazing increase in awareness of the importance of cybersecurity. Through both action and future plans, the federal government has shown that it is committing itself to taking steps to enhance cybersecurity and address the issue of cyberattacks. In October, Obama signed the Presidential Policy Directive 20, the first piece of cyber legislation in the United States. Though this Directive only establishes guidelines for dealing with a cyber attack, it emphasizes the fact that a strong defensive front is the best form of offense in the cyberworld, an important step in identifying effective cyber strategy. Though the Cyber Security Act of 2012 was shot down — not once, but twice — it makes for a good New Year's resolution, and, hopefully, sets goals for the next year. The Pentagon has already started drafting cyber policy for security breaches, and Obama has made it very clear that cybersecurity will no longer take the backseat.

Through the trials and tribulations of the cyber world in 2012, we have learned a lot. We have learned more about the immense capability of the cyber realm, and, in response, we are finally taking actions to address this new area of policy. Reflections have been made, resolutions are in place, and now all we can hope for is that this resolution — to bolster cybersecurity and ensure that it is a national priority — doesn't turn into a resolution that is discarded and pushed aside.

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## Autism Speaks does not speak for autistic people

BY FINN GARDINER

Recently, I have seen signs on campus for a fundraiser for the Autism Speaks charity, run by a campus group called "Voices for Autism." While I respect the desire of the campus group's founders to advocate for and help autistic people, as an autistic student here at Tufts, I am deeply uncomfortable with their support for Autism Speaks.

Autism Speaks is an organization that ostensibly advocates for autistic people's needs. Their focus, however, is on treatments and cures for autism, rather than accommodation or support. It has been criticized throughout many parts of the autism community for the demonization and mischaracterization of autistic people. Autism Speaks performs a sort of third-person activism: it claims to advocate for autistics without inviting us to speak or challenge their ideas about disability, accommodation and identity. Many of us, even those of us who are considered more "severely" autistic, are able to define what our own community needs without non-autistic people defining the entire narrative on autism and the autistic experi-

ence. The attitude they adopt towards autistic people is paternalistic, and assumes that they, as "normal" people, know what is best for us, without consulting any autistic people for their opinions on their policy.

However, what is most galling about Autism Speaks is that they have given support to parents who describe their fantasies about murdering their autistic children because of the difficulty of raising them. This is morally reprehensible and should be utterly repudiated by anyone who purports to actually advocate for autistic people's needs. Autism Speaks gives a voice to disgruntled parents who are uncomfortable with raising a neurologically variant child, rather than those of us who are autistic ourselves. I was brought up in a family that expressed tacit resentment over having an autistic child, and constantly felt inferior to those who were not autistic. It took me until I was in my early twenties to discover that one could exist as an autistic person without the shame, self-hatred, and frustration that I endured throughout my childhood and adolescence.

My existence is not tragic. I do not deserve people's pity. I am not merely a

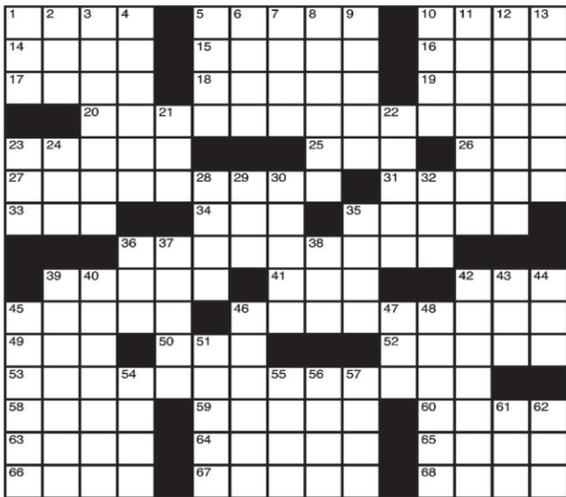
burden on society, and I do not necessarily seek a "cure." I don't claim that my life is perfect, but I do think that there are both benefits and drawbacks to being autistic, and to "cure" me would be to fundamentally alter my psyche to the point that I would no longer exist in any recognizable fashion. All I ask for is equitable treatment and the right to access the services I need in order to live the best life possible.

If the Voices for Autism group supports an organization like Autism Speaks, I cannot recognize it as a voice that truly advocates for me, and for my autistic brothers and sisters. Autism Speaks does not speak for me, and there are many others for whom it does not speak. I urge Voices for Autism to reconsider their support of this organization, and I encourage them to support organizations like the Autistic Self-Advocacy Network that take a more active role in fighting for autistic self-determination and recognition, rather than using infantilization and misplaced hatred.

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By Amy Johnson

12/10/12

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 35 Spring tide counterpart  
 36 Quilting party  
 37 Ahead of schedule  
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 43 "Good Will Hunting" director  
 44 Test, as one's patience  
 45 Lynx family member  
 46 Unauthorized user?
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 48 Stickups  
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 54 Reserve  
 55 Starlet's goal  
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 57 "Hud" director  
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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



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Ans: [circled letters] [circled letters] [circled letters] [circled letters]

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: CROAK VENOM DREDGE KITTEN  
 Answer: The zombie boxer's manager told him to — KNOCK 'EM DEAD

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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Friday's Solution

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## Moynihan puts on career-best performance off bench

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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Junior guard Jenna Williamson had the hot hand, finishing the half with 13 points and going 3-for-5 from deep. The result was a 35-point half for Bridgewater, more points than Tufts has allowed in two entire games this season.

"We knew who their shooters were coming into the game, and we weren't staying close enough to them," Barnosky said. "They were getting off shots too easily."

But the Jumbos entered halftime trailing by just six even after falling behind early. Junior guard Liz Moynihan had Tufts' final six points of the half, including a huge 3-pointer with two minutes to go when Bridgewater was threatening to pull away.

"We knew we were a much better team than we showed in the first half," Moynihan said. "It was just about keeping composure and getting more stops on the defensive end. We couldn't let their pressure and the way they played affect the way we played."

Moynihan would arguably become even more important in the second half, when freshman point guard Kelsey Morehead, playing with three fouls, was called for a charge in the lane with 12 minutes to go, something the Jumbos hadn't prepared for.

"It's actually something we've never given a lot of thought or attention to in practice just because we always make the assumption that Kelsey will be in the game," Moynihan said. "Everyone realized that our main ball-handler was off the court, so everyone as a team did a really good job of stepping up and filling the big gap that she leaves."

The majority of Morehead's duties ended up in the hands of Moynihan, who thrived. She and junior forward Ali Rocchi picked up quick buckets, and a Moynihan 3-pointer gave Tufts its first lead since the opening minutes.

Then, with four minutes to go, Foley drilled another wide-open corner three as the Bears struggled to hang with the Jumbos defensively and the Jumbos looked to be in complete control.

Moments later, when Moynihan took the ball from senior guard Elisha Homich

and went end-to-end to put the team up eight, it seemed like the dagger. It was one of eight second-half steals for the Jumbos, who were able to take advantage of an aggressive Bridgewater side.

But the Bears refused to quit, scoring on three straight possessions to cut the lead to two with 35 seconds to play. After a timeout, Bridgewater elected to hold for a defensive stop and then tried to tie it. The Jumbos passed it around the perimeter until it ended up in the hands of Barnosky with the clock ticking down. Barnosky saw a lane and drove, going across the lane before throwing up a fairly uncontested layup for the clinching basket.

"We didn't draw up a play specifically; the plan was just to run down the clock a little bit and then just find someone to take an opening," Barnosky said. "We'd found in the second half that attacking the hoop was working really well and I just happened to have an opening."

Barnosky finished the night with 13 points, seven rebounds and six assists, while Foley quietly finished with 15 points of her own. But the afternoon belonged to Moynihan, who came off the bench and carried the Jumbos with career highs in points, with 20, and steals, with four.

"I like when we are attacking the basket," Moynihan said. "It's a really good look for our team and something that we practiced a lot. Dribble-drive is something we love to do and we have the perfect team for that."

With the win, the team completes a perfect pre-winter break stretch for only the second time in school history, matching the 2007-2008 team that went to the Elite Eight. It will likely also earn its highest ranking in school history this coming week, but with the NESCAC slate on the horizon there is still plenty to work on.

"I'm really happy with what we've accomplished in this first part of the season," Barnosky said. "But at the same time, the NESCAC competition is always significantly tougher. So I think we've gotten a lot better as a team and set a good foundation, but we've still got a lot more to improve upon if we want to reach all of our goals."



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Graduate forward Kate Barnosky recorded 13 points, seven rebounds and six assists to go along with the game-winning basket against Bridgewater St. on Saturday.

## Jumbos roll over Suffolk in 111-76 win

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

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first. Tufts proceeded to go on a 16-5 run to close out the half, capped by a Ferris jumper with under a minute to go that put the Jumbos up 41-22.

"I think we went into the games against Lesley and Suffolk with a little more energy," Moss said. "We had a sense of urgency because we wanted to pick up some wins."

But Tufts saved its best performance for the second half and raced to a 67-29 lead, fueled by their 26-8 run after leaving the locker room. It was clear that the Jumbos would not take their feet off the pedal, especially after giving up leads to both No. 17 Illinois Wesleyan and Wilmington late the previous weekend.

This time, Tufts held on to its lead and spent the entirety of the second half up by double digits, despite Ferris, Palleschi, senior Scott Anderson and junior Oliver Cohen playing only four combined minutes in the second half.

"Last year, and early this year, we would sometimes play down to our opponents," Ferris said.

"But I thought we came out in these games and did what we needed to do and took care of business."

The Jumbos had little time to bask in the glow of their victory, as they got right back to work on Saturday when they traveled to Suffolk. But in a new location, the result was the same, as Tufts got out to an early lead, and, after a little back-and-forth action, blew its opponent off the court.

Palleschi once again led the way in the first half with 10 points, but he got help from all of his teammates, with Moss and Anderson both chipping in nine and freshman guard Stephen Haldyna adding eight off the bench.

The Jumbos ended the first half with another comfortable lead, 55-37, thanks to 63.6-percent shooting from behind the arc, with three 3-pointers coming from Moss.

"We shot the lights out," Ferris said. "We moved the ball well; we got a lot of touches in the paint because our big men were getting steals, and then they went and finished or they kicked out for an open shooter,

or our guards did a good job of penetrating and making decisions from there."

Despite the bench's getting extended minutes in the second half for the second straight game, the Jumbos continued to pour on the points, with Ferris scoring 12 after halftime, and the team shooting above 60 percent from three-point range again.

For the Rams, an impressive 27-point performance from senior forward Colin Halpin was marred by shoddy defense, which allowed five Jumbos to score in double digits and a 56-36 second half score line in the 111-76 loss.

"It was reassuring to get these wins," Ferris said. "We know we're a good team. We really played well this weekend and it didn't matter who we were playing, we knew we were going to win those games. It was just fun to go out there and really stomp on some teams, move the ball and make some plays. It was a good feeling."

Ferris and the Jumbos get a break before they look to build a three-game winning streak against Williams on Jan. 4.

## Four sports' achievements highlighted fall season

### SEMESTER REVIEW

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forced to rally, but rode some Bulldog miscues and 15-knot winds to the next two victories, ultimately pulling it out in dramatic fashion, 2-1.

The title marked his first match racing championship after more than 30 years of coaching, and puts one more trophy in the already plentiful shelf of the Jumbo sailing team.

#### Men's Soccer

Although the Jumbos' postseason hopes were dashed on the penalty spot twice this postseason, the team still finished out one of its most successful campaigns in program history.

At 9-4-4, the Jumbos were able to continue their success from 2011 and advanced further in the playoffs than they had the year before.

In the NESCAC tournament, the Jumbos were rewarded with their first home playoff game since 200 and made the most of the opportunity in

taking care of Bowdoin, 3-0, in a game the Jumbos dominated from start to finish.

With the victory, the Jumbos advanced to the NESCAC semifinals, also for the first time since 2001, but suffered a 4-2 loss on penalty kicks to the Williams Ephs after 110 minutes of scoreless play.

After that heartbreaking defeat, the Jumbos were rewarded with the program's first NCAA bid since 1996, crossing a final achievement off of the Jumbos' preseason checklist. But once again, the Jumbos were dealt a crushing blow and fell to Vassar 1-0 after an overtime penalty kick gave the Brewers the golden-goal victory.

The season ended in frustrating fashion, with the Jumbos so close to monumental achievements, but their successes lay another brick in the foundation for a young and promising team.

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## HOCKEY



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The hockey team, including sophomore George Pantazopoulos, fell behind 2 goals in the first period of both games this weekend.

## Jumbos fall twice to conference foes as slump continues

BY KATE KLOTS  
Daily Editorial Board

After starting out the season strong, the men's hockey team has sputtered amid numerous injuries and this week-

### ICE HOCKEY

(3-5-1, 1-4-1 NESCAC)

at Valley Forum II., Friday

Bowdoin	2	3	0	—	5
Tufts	2	0	1	—	3

at Valley Forum II, Saturday

Colby	2	2	1	—	5
Tufts	1	0	1	—	2

end the Jumbos dropped their second straight pair of NESCAC games, falling to a strong No. 8 Bowdoin squad on Friday evening before losing to Colby on Saturday.

In Saturday's contest, the Jumbos outshot the Mules 40 to 34 but were unable to finish their opportunities, eventually falling 5-2. On paper, the contest was relatively even, as each team was penalized six times and both capitalized on just one of five power play opportunities.

But two consecutive two-goal periods for Colby were enough for the Mules to dig a hole that the Jumbos could not escape, and despite the Jumbos' offensive efforts Colby was able to deny Tufts the opportunity to ever seize control.

"On Saturday both teams had a number of opportunities but Colby's goalie played great and made us work for every goal," junior forward Cody Armstrong said. "[Senior co-captain forward] Dylan Plimmer did a great job of finishing his chances and scored two big goals for us."

Colby struck first, notching two early goals to seize a lead 10 minutes into the opening period. Three minutes in, sophomore forward Nate Morgan wristed a shot from the top of the

circle, besting junior goalkeeper Brian Phillips whose view was obstructed on the play.

Minutes later, junior forward Ben Chwick found senior forward Nick Kondiles on a three-on-one fastbreak for the Mules' second goal of the game.

But Tufts immediately got back into the contest. Plimmer got the Jumbos on the board with a strike as he found an opening between two Colby defenses.

The second period was the real turning point, however, as the Mules seized control and pushed their advantage to three.

At the 12:22 mark, senior co-captain forward Cory McGrath made the score 3-1 and freshman forward Jonathan Sdao added insult to injury with a power-play strike five minutes later.

The Jumbos and Mules traded goals in the closing period, as Plimmer notched his second goal of the game to pull Tufts within two. Two minutes later, however, Colby responded when McGrath finished his second goal of the game, extending the lead back to three. The Colby advantage held as the game closed out, and the Jumbos dropped to 1-4-1 in the NESCAC. Sophomore goalkeeper Sam Parker finished the contest with 38 stops.

"I don't think Colby put us away in the first two periods," Armstrong said. "We battled the entire third and got the game within two goals before they scored late in the third. It was a disappointing loss but I think that after break we will have a fresh start to win some games."

Earlier, on Friday evening, the Jumbos put on a much stronger performance, staying within two goals of the league-leading Polar Bears even after falling behind by two goals in the first four minutes of the opening period.

But again, the second period was the difference. Bowdoin controlled the game with an 18-9 advantage in shots, scoring two minutes into the

period to take the lead. At the 9:20 mark, the Polar Bears extended their lead to 4-2, and senior forward Robert Toczykowski finished a goal 40 seconds later to put Bowdoin up 5-2.

"[The] game against Bowdoin was a big test for our young team," Armstrong said. "[But] in the second Bowdoin just showed their depth and put away a couple of goals within a minute."

Early in the third period, the Jumbos capitalized on a five-on-three power play when freshman forward Stewart Bell notched a goal three minutes into the closing stanza.

However, the Polar Bears managed to slow the Jumbos' momentum and a 24-save performance by Messina kept Tufts from pulling closer as time elapsed.

Despite a 38-save performance from Phillips, the Polar Bears emerged victorious with the two-goal margin, and preserved their number one position in the NESCAC standings.

"I think on Friday everyone was contributing and we had a real opportunity to take the lead but couldn't capitalize," Armstrong said. "It was a very fast-paced and physical game but we proved to ourselves that we can compete with any nationally ranked opponent like Bowdoin."

The Jumbos see their next action after the holiday break, when they return in early January for a non-conference game against SUNY Canton. Tufts will not play again at home until Jan. 25, when the Jumbos host Williams and Middlebury in another conference doubleheader.

By then, the team hopes that several injured players will be able to make recoveries, allowing the Jumbos to play in full force after the break. Midway through the season, Tufts sits second from the bottom in NESCAC contention, but the Jumbos' second-half schedule is bottom-heavy with conference contests, and the team has plenty of opportunity to climb its way back up the ranks.

## JORDAN BEAN | SACKED

## Bowl mania



As an avid college football fan, this is both my favorite and least favorite season of the year.

One on hand, I love to see the cross-conference matchups. How will the constantly praised SEC match up against the rest of the country? How many points will be scored in the Fiesta Bowl, which pits two high flying offenses, Oregon and Kansas State, against each other? How will Johnny Manziel follow up his Heisman selection?

The only way to get the answer to all these questions is to sit down and watch, which is what I plan to be doing for a good part of my vacation.

On the other hand, as always, the BCS screwed up. It happens every year without fail. This time it entailed the selection of Northern Illinois into a BCS bowl.

Now I know what you may be thinking, Northern Illinois was guaranteed a spot, so how can I say that they don't deserve to be there?

I can say this because I believe the system to be flawed.

Northern Illinois, the winner of the Mid-American Conference (MAC), was guaranteed a spot because they were ranked higher than 16 in the final BCS standings and finished above the winner of one of the six major conferences with automatic bids.

Don't get me wrong, they had a very respectable 12-1 record. Their lone loss came to Iowa, who I might add finished last in the Legends Division of the Big Ten conference.

The most important reason that I believe they don't belong is because they lacked a win against any quality opponent—and don't try and tell me that their "upset" over Kent State in the MAC championship should be considered a noteworthy win.

Hypothetically, let's think of what would happen if we were to insert Northern Illinois into Georgia's schedule and vice versa. Georgia was left out of the BCS bowls because of another senseless rule which states that no more than two teams per conference are allowed to compete in BCS bowls.

I think it's safe to say that Northern Illinois would not boast the same 12-1 record and BCS berth that they do now. In my opinion, they would most likely max out at three to four wins. I would go as far as to say Tennessee, who finished next to last in the SEC East, would have run the table with Northern Illinois' schedule.

Strength of schedule is important and a team should not be penalized for competing at the highest level in the toughest conference. Georgia, in all facets of the game, is a better team than Northern Illinois. So is Oklahoma, who was also snubbed, but we'll leave that argument for another time.

In reality, BCS bowls outside of the National Championship game mean little more than extra money for a school or a conference. Saying that it is an "Official BCS bowl game" can add some prestige to the game for recruiting purposes but essentially is useless. This argument, though, is based on a matter of principle.

The BCS should not advertise that they are the highest and most prestigious of bowls if they don't put the best teams on the field competing against each other. They should throw out the all the meaningless rules and put the top ten teams on the field in the top five bowl games.

Luckily, this issue will not be a problem after the new system is implemented in a few short seasons. The BCS bowls will become rotating semi-final matchups for the eventual national championship game.

In the meantime, college football fans everywhere will be watching a subpar matchup in what should have been a primetime game between ACC champion Florida State and another top contender. Until this new system comes to be, BCS—you're sacked.

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**SEMESTER IN REVIEW**

## The fall semester in sports: A look back

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For a number of Tufts' athletic programs, this fall semester gave way to the most impressive results in recent school history. So, before the campus begins to bury its collective head in its books, the Daily presents a brief look back at some of the highlights from an exhilarating fall season.

**Field Hockey**

Tufts' field hockey squad was unquestionably the cream of the fall sports crop, as the Jumbos brought home the school's first women's team NCAA championship on Nov. 18 in Geneva, NY after a remarkable regular season.

After being bounced in the semifinals of the NESCAC tournament, expectations weren't quite so high for the team. But instead, that defeat to longtime foe Bowdoin provided the spark to send the Jumbos on an unprecedented run to the title. The Jumbos handily dispatched Castleton and William Smith in the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament and then overcame the Polar Bears to make it to the Final Four.

Then the Jumbos took down Depauw 2-0 in the national semifinal, with sophomore goalkeeper Brianna Keenan recording her second shutout of the tournament to send the Jumbos to the title game.

In that final matchup against Montclair State, the Jumbos pulled out yet another narrow victory, their 10th one-goal win of the season. After falling behind in the first half, freshman



Head coach Tina McDavitt (center) lifts the trophy in celebration of Tufts' first women's NCAA team championship.

Hannah Park punched in two goals in the second to send the Jumbos to their first national title.

Beyond the championship, the Jumbos enjoyed a fourteen-game winning streak during the regular season and into the NESCAC tournament, and won eight convincing shutouts in the year. In addition, head coach Tina McDavitt was named the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Regional Coach of the Year and junior midfielder Emily Cannon was named a first-team All-American.

With so many individual accolades, the Jumbos recorded one of the finest seasons in Tufts athletics, and gave Tufts the title that had been elusive for so many years.

**Men's Cross Country**

For the men's cross country team, the biggest victory of the season came at the NESCAC championship on Oct. 27.

Running at Westfield State, senior co-captain Matt Rand missed out on the individual title by less than a second but was followed by four other

Jumbos in the top 20 to propel the team to the overall win, the team's first since 2005.

The success continued when the Jumbos qualified for the NCAA Championship meet. Ultimately the team fell just short of its goals in that race, finishing seventh in the country. For the second straight year, however, the Jumbos placed inside the top 10 in the nation, a result that finished a season in which the Jumbos never finished lower than seventh in any race.

On the individual side, the Jumbos finished the season with five runners named to the All-New England team, which, paired with the NESCAC title, provided yet another impressive season for head coach Ethan Barron's squad.

**Sailing**

For the first time in program history, Ken Legler's sailing team captured the ICSA Match Racing National Championship, defeating Yale in Austin, Tex. on Nov. 18.

Juniors Will Haeger, David Liebenberg, Paula Grasberger, and Solomon Kevans were the four Jumbos who led the team to its breakthrough victory, consistently outmaneuvering the other teams throughout the weekend's races.

In the preliminary round, the Jumbos finished tied for the best overall record and then handily dispatched Mary Washington and Georgetown en route to the final showdown with Yale.

After losing the first of the best-of-three contest, the Jumbos were

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

## Jumbos stomp Lesley, Suffolk

BY JAKE INDURSKY  
Daily Editorial Board

The men's basketball team took out its frustration on two underperforming

MEN'S BASKETBALL (6-5, 0-0 NESCAC) at Cousens Gym, Friday				
Lesley	22	30	—	52
Tufts	41	42	—	83
at Boston, Mass., Saturday				
Tufts	55	56	—	111
Suffolk	37	39	—	76

Lesley University and Suffolk University teams this weekend, and now sits above .500 at 6-5 heading into winter break.

The Jumbos beat up on both Lesley and Suffolk for the second straight year, piling on 83 points and 111 points against the two teams only a year after ringing up 87 and 98 points, respectively.

In the first game of the weekend on Friday, Tufts got out to a quick start against Lesley and never looked back, spurred on by the excitement of playing in Cousens Gym for the first time all season and a boisterous home crowd.

"We were pretty excited to play at home, because we had played our first nine games on the road," sophomore guard C.J. Moss said. "We were hoping to get a good turnout and we actually got a really good crowd, so it was exciting that everybody came through."

The Jumbos, who have been slow starters this season, did not have an issue putting points up in a hurry against



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Sophomore guard Ben Ferris scored 18 points in each of the Jumbos' two victories over Lesley and Suffolk this weekend.

the Lynx. The first-half scoring was led by sophomore guard Ben Ferris who scored 13 of his 18 points in the first half, and freshman center Tom Palleschi, who scored 13 of his game-high 19.

However, Lesley was able to keep the game close for the majority of the first half, and was only down by eight, 25-17, with six minutes to go in the

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

## Tufts avoids Bear trap, finishes fall undefeated

BY ETHAN STURM  
Daily Editorial Board

The No. 10 women's basketball team traveled to Bridgewater St. on Saturday

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (9-0, 0-0 NESCAC) at Bridgewater, Mass., Saturday				
Tufts	29	38	—	67
Bridgewater St.	35	31	—	66

for a matchup that had all of the makings of a trap game. Tufts was playing its fourth game in eight days — three of which were on the road — and its final game before winter break. The Bears also offered the Jumbos their toughest competition to date, entering the game with a 6-1 record and three victories over NESCAC opponents, including one over formerly ranked Williams.

With all that in mind, it would have been easy for the squad to make excuses if it picked up its first loss of the year, particularly after the Jumbos started off slow and trailed by as many as 10 points in the first half.

But the Jumbos showed a toughness that could help them go far this season, riding a 14-0 second-half run to a thrilling 66-65 come-from-behind win that completed the team's first undefeated pre-winter break run since the 2007-2008 season.

Bridgewater St. came out of the gates with a full-court press that seemed to throw off the Jumbos' tempo. While the Bears' press failed to force

a single turnover before the team backed off after about 10 minutes, it goaded the Jumbos into rushed, semi-contested shots that the team struggled to convert.

"Coach [Carla Berube] told us in the scouting report that they were hyper aggressive," graduate forward Kate Barnosky said. "We just let them set the tone of the game instead of running our plays and getting the shots we wanted."

On the offensive end, Bridgewater was patient as it looked to break down Tufts' tight man-to-man defense. The Bears mainly used sharp passing and quick cuts from three or four guard sets, creating plenty of opportunities in the paint despite the distinct height disadvantage.

Their style even eventually forced Berube to adjust her lineup — starting sophomore center Hayley Kanner played just four minutes in the second half and 15 minutes overall.

"They're very quick, and their offense is very quick and a lot of passes and reading each other," Barnosky said. "They read each other really well, and always seemed to know where their teammates were. It's a different type of game than we've been playing."

The Bears also seemingly couldn't miss, hitting five of 10 shots from beyond the arc despite entering the game shooting just over 26 percent from outside.

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