

Popular site Juicy Campus squeezed off of the Internet

BY NINA FORD
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The Web site JuicyCampus.com, a popular yet controversial forum for anonymous college gossip, shut down last Thursday due to financial difficulties. A similar blog called the College Anonymous Confession Board (ACB) has replaced Juicy Campus, providing unrestricted message boards for students nationwide.

Since its inception in 2007, opponents have faulted Juicy Campus for spreading targeted and damaging rumors. Criticism did not diminish the Web site's popularity among college students though; instead, Juicy Campus grew to reach over one million readers on more than 500 campuses nationwide before its discontinuation.

Juicy Campus, while it was online, provided a forum for anonymous postings on a variety of campus-related topics.

Despite the site's wide viewership, it experienced a decrease in revenue from online advertisers and a dearth of venture capital.

"Juicy Campus' exponential growth out-paced our ability to muster the resources needed to survive this economic downturn," Juicy Campus Founder and CEO Matt Ivester said in a statement.

Ivester called Juicy Campus "a place for the fun, lighthearted gossip of college life."

"It's clear that we have provided a platform that students have found interesting, entertaining, and fun," he said.

Still, Ivester admitted that the site had

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Cupid's arrow strikes the Hill

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Legend has it that St. Valentine, a young priest in third-century Rome, once defied an imperial order prohibiting marriage for potential soldiers. Against the word of Emperor Claudius II, Valentine secretly married young lovers, the story goes. During his resulting imprisonment, he sent a letter to a young female visitor from his cell. The rest is history.

Today, the Daily takes a look at the more modern side of the holiday of love in a series of articles across three sections:

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Sports – A preview of tomorrow's Valentine Invitational, a track meet at MIT. See back page.

Trustee group provides feedback to task force

BY ROB SILVERBLATT
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Over two years after The Primary Source published its now-infamous Christmas carol about affirmative action, a committee is still working to finalize university-wide speech regulations.

Members of the Task Force on Freedom of Expression met with a special ad hoc committee of trustees during last weekend's board meeting and are now revamping their recommendations.

The task force was originally scheduled to produce a completed report by November, but its members decided to push the deadline back to get trustee input. They now hope to wrap up their work in time to present their final recommendations to the full Board of Trustees in May.

Those involved in last weekend's meeting said it was productive, but declined to comment on how the task force's proposals will change as a result of trustee suggestions.

"We had an engaging discussion," Trustee Joanne Gowa (J '72), a political science professor at Princeton, told the Daily.

In September, the task force released a draft report that seeks to balance freedom of expression with freedom from harassment. "The achievement of our educational mission requires an environment of respect, tolerance and civil dialogue," the draft, the task force's most recent public document, reads.

While Task Force Chair Jeswald Salacuse, a professor of commercial law at the Fletcher

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Freshman senators join together for weekly office hours in the campus center

BY TESSA GELLERSON
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Freshman Tufts Community Union (TCU) senators will begin holding weekly office hours this semester on Monday in an effort to increase student involvement with Senate activities.

Citing a lack of communication between representatives and those they represent, the senators will now meet every Monday night in the campus center. They hope to make participation in student government more accessible for the Class of 2012.

While the TCU Constitution requires all senators to make themselves available to the student body for at least two hours a week, many members of the TCU's legislative body feel that student participation at those designated times has been minimal at best.

"We've tried two things: sitting in the Senate office and sitting in the dorms, actually going to where people live," freshman Senator Joel Greenberg said. "It would be nice to be able to have more open communication with our

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Tufts Community Union senators at a recent meeting. The seven freshman senators are planning on holding weekly office hours together, starting this Monday.

Tufts Student Resources undergoes restructuring, re-branding campaign

BY SANGITA KESHAVAN
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Tufts Student Resources (TSR), a large employer of Tufts students, will expand and improve its services as part of a re-branding campaign, with the goal of creating a stronger, more unified voice on campus.

The student-run organization is responsible for running several student services, including the Rez, a café in the campus center; an aerobics program; and laundry, dry-cleaning and MicroFridge services. The group also runs the Collegeboxes storage program and a service that allows students and parents to order goodies for students' birthdays and other special occasions.

TSR is organized into five divisions, each concentrating on running a particular service. According to TSR President Ali Osman, TSR executives are in the process of expanding these sections and changing the overall way in which the organization is portrayed.

"We are now able to start getting our divisions together," Osman, a junior, said. "We went through a whole re-branding process; we have new marketing products, a new logo [and] a new business identity," he said.

TSR Vice President of Finances Patrick Dugoni said that it is important for TSR to establish itself with a stronger, more well-known brand.

"We've created a new logo and a new business identity that we can promote, instead of promoting [our services] separately," Dugoni, a freshman, said. "A lot of people are aware of a lot of the services that

we offer, but people don't connect the dots."

Along with the re-branding campaign, Dugoni said, TSR is also trying to spread awareness about their services to students who may not possess a full understanding of everything that TSR does.

And a part of TSR's shifted focus includes offering newer and better student services, Osman said.

"There are a lot of things that we're zoning into right now and working on right now," he said. "A lot of our services have changed, and they've become more reliable."

TSR is working on partnering with different groups at Tufts to renovate the Rez, and they also hope to make the laundry service more professional.

Next year, students will have the

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Tufts Student Resources hopes to re-brand itself and expand its services, with the aim of working as a more cohesive organization.

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"Gentlemen of Suzhou," on display at the MFA, paints a picture of a serene city in Ming Dynasty.



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The College ACB serves a similar purpose to that which Juicy Campus did.

Economic downturn forces controversial site Juicy Campus to close

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included "mean-spirited posts and personal attacks."

Although the 1996 Communications Decency Act shielded Juicy Campus' creators from legal responsibility for the site's content, Juicy Campus faced both censorship and legal challenges during its less than two years in existence, with multiple parties seeking redress after reading posts.

Tennessee State University successfully blocked Juicy Campus on its university network, and the New Jersey Attorney General's Office began to investigate whether the Web site and one of its advertisers had violated the Garden State's Consumer Fraud Act.

The URL JuicyCampus.com now automatically redirects to the College ACB Web site, which, like its predecessor, has separate posting forums for colleges across the country. Posters to the College ACB board for Tufts have started around 50 discussion threads since October, a number of which were created after Juicy Campus' closing.

Juicy Campus and the College ACB have professed similar missions, but the differences between the two are "more than superficial," Peter Frank, the owner and manager of the College ACB, said in a statement. He said the College ACB includes self-regulatory measures, allowing users to flag content they find offensive or dangerous.

Frank, a freshman at Wesleyan University, also emphasized the College ACB's focus on substantive content. "We wish to promote deep and thoughtful discussion as well as the occasional 'gossipy' post," he said.

The College ACB aims to establish a conversation space for students without traditional social constraints or restric-

tions. "It is the campus center, the dorm room, the cafeteria, and the lecture hall, all combined into a single, easily accessible forum where everyone is invited to converse openly, without fear of reprisal or reprimand," Frank said.

Tufts students who frequented Juicy Campus had mixed reactions to its closure.

"On one hand, I think it's a positive change because there [were] a lot of really hurtful things written," freshman Sarah Rauh said. "Selfishly, though, I enjoyed reading it because it was entertaining."

Some students held negative opinions about Juicy Campus even if they had not visited the site.

"I never went on it because I thought it was just a bunch of mean and unfounded gossip that I didn't really care about," senior Rachel Chervin said. "I don't think it's a great loss."

"I'm glad to hear it's hit the dead pool," junior John Sotherland said. "I've never visited it because it was an abhorrent site with no meaningful purpose."

Sotherland, a computer science major, criticized the Web site's design and structure.

"I didn't think the way the site was set up was conducive to anything but insults," Sotherland added. "When you can say anything anonymously and when the site itself is called 'juicy' ... it invites mean-spirited discourse."

Others had more neutral secondhand opinions about Juicy Campus.

"I've personally never been on Juicy Campus," freshman Susan Colt said. "But I know it was the highlight of many people's days."

Carter Rogers and Ben Gittleson contributed reporting to this article.

In wake of embezzlement scandal, TSR works to expand services

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option of signing up for a TSR membership, although the group has not yet ironed out the details, according to Dugoni.

"We're going to introduce a TSR membership to encourage people to use other branches of TSR," he said. "You'll probably have to pay 15, 20 bucks — if you sign up to rent a MicroFridge or laundry we'll probably throw one in there [for free]."

Unlike other student groups, TSR does not run on an academic-year calendar. Its new executive team began work last month.

TSR's board of directors, made up of representatives from various Tufts offices, hires the four-person executive team.

A group of managers and employees works alongside the division managers and employees. According to TSR's Web site, the 28-year-old organization employs about 60 students.

Last year, some of TSR's revenue was allegedly lost in an embezzlement scandal involving two former Tufts administrators.

Osman said that he was excited about his group's transformation in light of last year's event.

"It felt like we were running five or six

Trustees give feedback on campus speech

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School of Law and Diplomacy, would not discuss the specifics of the trustees' views, he said that they supported the core ideas expressed in the draft.

"There was nobody who condemned our work. Nobody criticized the whole process," he said of the trustees' input. "Individuals had suggestions as to how to maybe sharpen some words or expressions ... It was that kind of discussion that we had."

In creating the seven-member ad hoc committee to meet with the task force, the administration called almost exclusively on trustees who work in academia. As such, many had previous experiences with campus speech policies.

"We agreed that academics on the board were in the best position to provide feedback because they have the best appreciation and understanding of academic culture," University President Lawrence Bacow said in an e-mail.

Salacuse agreed. "This is the issue of freedom of expression and the right to an education," he said. "This is an issue that has arisen on many, many different campuses across the United States. This was a well-informed group that has seen the same issues arise on their own campuses."

Bacow convened the task force last January, several months after the Committee on Student Life found The Primary Source guilty of harassment for the Christmas carol and a piece on Islam.

Some initially expected the task force to move Tufts, a private university, to a First Amendment standard. In his charge to the task force, Bacow emphasized the need to preserve "freedom of expression in a way that protects unpopular speech and ideas consistent with the First Amendment."

But Salacuse has opposed incorporating First Amendment protections into the document. The task force has also strayed away from specific policy recommendations, such as guidelines on how to punish offensive speech, preferring instead to limit itself to a statement of principles.

"Really, the draft is an encouragement to adhere to certain values as a community," Dean of Student Affairs Bruce Reitman said.

Senior Michael Nachbar, the editor-in-chief emeritus of The Primary Source, said that the task force has not affected the way the Source operates.

"It has had zero impact on what we have done," he said. "It hasn't changed our approach in any way, and we haven't noticed any change in the way things have been enforced."

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constituents than just asking for votes."

The senators hope that the campus center's central location and relaxed atmosphere will encourage freshmen to seek out their representatives, opening a dialogue between senators and students.

All seven freshman senators will attend the new weekly meetings, which will take place from 10 p.m. to midnight in room 208 of the campus center.

"If a student brings the freshman senators a pressing issue, we have a week to

work on it and if necessary take it to the entire Senate in the form of discussion or a resolution," Greenberg said. The Senate meets as a body on Sunday nights.

Freshman Senator Elliott McCarthy said that moving office hours out from behind closed doors would make Senate members more approachable.

"I personally think that office hours should be very public and open to walk-ins and people just coming up to us and saying how they feel," McCarthy said.

Along with setting up a communication channel between senators and students, Greenberg said that he would like

different businesses," instead of running one overarching business, he said. "That's not because of the previous management, that's because of the embezzlement and the way things ended up becoming for TSR."

According to Osman, the publicized embezzlement had many ramifications for TSR, including increased caution by the administration about financial activity.

"Because of the embezzlement, our focus was on how can we continue to run our business last semester, and we did a good job doing that," he said. "We've definitely fixed things with the university, and we run [more smoothly]."

the meetings to promote a dialogue between members of the Freshman Class Council and the Senate. The senators held a preliminary planning meeting last Monday and invited members of the Freshman Class Council to attend the weekly office hours.

"Having them in the room gives them a chance to tell us what they're already planning or what their struggles are," Greenberg said.

If not many students show up, he added, the freshman senators can use the time to confer with each other on projects and other Senate business.

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Twenty-three Jumbos attended speed dating last Sunday in Eaton Hall.

The Daily presents: speed dating at Tufts

Student participants attend in search of fun, friendship and perhaps a little something more

BY EMILY MARETSKY
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Many students cringe at the idea of speed dating. The thought of forced conversation with strangers, instant judgment and awkward silences is completely unappealing. But to others,

including us at the Daily, speed dating is an interesting social experiment intended to keep participants on their toes. And for those fed up with living on a dating-deprived campus, the concept presents a unique opportunity.

It was with these possibilities in mind that the Features editors set out to

organize our own speed dating event here at Tufts, just in time for Valentine's Day. A group of 12 women and 11 men were brought together in a classroom in Eaton Hall last weekend to give speed dating a try and, hopefully, to let the love flow.

Participants arrived with an array of

expectations, and they were searching for different things in the event.

"A wife," sophomore Eli Cushner joked. "Well, my parents wanted to arrange my marriage, so I thought I'd take it into my own hands." Still, Cushner admitted that

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Love Potion #1: New drug could control love's presence

For those looking for love, a recent scientific discovery may soon help guide Cupid's arrow

BY JULIE KALT
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This time of year, people of all ages are either on Cloud Nine, dismissive of the consumerist event called Valentine's Day or constructing voodoo dolls of past significant others.

For those who fall into the category of love haters, a new drug that can make people fall in and out of love is in the early stages of testing, and its development may be a one-way ticket to controlling romantic emotion.

The idea for this drug — and prospective vaccine — is based on the research of neuroscientist Dr. Larry Young. Young worked with animals called prairie voles, which are among the small minority of mammals — less than five percent — who share humans' propensity for monogamy.

When a female prairie vole's brain is artificially infused with oxytocin, a hormone that produces neural rewards comparable to those created by substances such as nicotine and cocaine, she will quickly become attached to the nearest male. A related hormone, vasopressin, creates urges for bonding and nesting in male voles.

The research also revealed that male voles with a genetically limited vasopressin response were less likely to find

mates. Young's corresponding research found that men with a similar genetic tendency were less likely to commit.

Theoretically, if used to its fullest potential, the drug could effectively harness these chemicals and be used to make people experience emotions of love. Conversely, it could also be used to prevent people from feeling such sentiments simply by receiving an injection of the substance.

But the process isn't as simple as a quick oxytocin or vasopressin booster or blocker, according to Sheldon Krinsky, professor of urban and environmental policy and planning.

"In animal studies, we can manipulate these things at a chemical level. [But] animals don't have a culture, history, established relationships or live in complex environments," Krinsky explained. "You cannot assume that what you get from the controlled experimental system will translate to a human level. Who you are going to love and mate with is a complicated situation that cannot be pinned down to a hormone shift."

Even if Young were able to construct a drug that worked perfectly for humans, there are a number of ethical questions that come into play when dealing

University of Rochester researchers discover that the color red could be an aphrodisiac

It takes no more than a glance down the Hallmark aisle to notice the strong association between the color red and the realm of love, lust and desire. Only recently, though, has the link roused any interest in the scientific world.

Two psychologists at the University of Rochester's department of clinical and social sciences in psychology recently conducted an experiment to test the color red for aphrodisiacal effects. Their results introduce a new potential player in the laws of carnal attraction.

"It's fascinating to find that something as ubiquitous as color can be having an effect on our behavior without our awareness," Andrew Elliot, professor of psychology and experiment co-leader, said in a University of Rochester press release.

The study consisted of a number of tests in which men were asked to quantify their attraction to a series of photographed women. Each photograph differed slightly in the color red's overall inclusion, location or quality while all other factors were held constant. The experiment yielded a groundbreaking result: In all cases, there was a strong positive correlation between the presence of red and the photographed women's ratings.

"We really think it's biological, and it's an arousal effect that pertains to the color red," Daniela Niesta Kayser,

visiting professor of social psychology at Rochester and Elliot's partner in the project, told the Daily.

Kayser explained that red plays a role in the attraction between primal mates of many species, sometimes signaling that they are ready to reproduce. And in this sense, humans are not so different.

"When females are close to ovulation, they have a different or higher blood stream that also leads to a slight reddening of the skin, and unconsciously they display more skin," she said.

It is possible, however, that the link is largely sociological.

"Socialization is a very important factor of how red has been paired with the domain of love. For example: lipstick, nail polish, Valentine's Day [and] the red light district," Kayser said.

Assistant Professor of Psychology Haline Schendan said that although she has not yet seen Kayser and Elliot's research, she has reason to suspect that the effect is more a cultural than biological product.

"To show an innate preference you would have to do the research in newborn infants," Schendan said. "And until they do that they would not have strong evidence that it was something innate."

—by Romy Oltuski

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In the spirit of Valentine's Day, Tufts students participate in speed dating

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he was open to the possibility of meeting someone romantically.

Many of the other participants brushed off the chance of encountering a serious potential love interest and instead thought it would be just a fun experience.

"I thought it would be sort of funny, like a good story," sophomore Jordyn Wolfand said. "It's always great to meet new people."

Originally started by a rabbi in the late 1990s as a way for Jewish singles to meet, speed dating has taken off in popularity as an event for other religious and cultural organizations as well as unaffiliated groups.

Although the guidelines differ from one speed-dating event to the next, generally, men and women rotate through a series of three- to eight-minute "dates," hoping to make a positive and lasting first impression while judging others based on theirs. At the end of the event, participants indicate with whom they would be interested in exchanging contact information and whether there is a "match" with another participant, and this information is submitted to the coordinators of the event.

The idea behind speed dating is that

people decide if they are romantically compatible very quickly; the concept allows singles to chat for just long enough to determine whether there is enough chemistry between them to consider meeting again.

"I admit, I thought of questions in the shower and Googled speed dating tips ... One question, though was, 'Do you want to have children?' so I skipped that one."

Eli Cushner
sophomore

Participants also tend to consider this environment preferable to yelling over loud music at a bar or frat party, and they benefit from not having to reject others in person. Additionally, speed dating introduces people who would not normally strike up a conversation in a different setting.

Freshman Charlotte Karrlsson-Willis said that she had signed up with a friend

after seeing the announcement on TuftsLife.com.

"It reminded us of a 'Gilmore Girls' episode, so we thought it would be fun," she said. "[I thought it would] be a fun and semi-awkward time."

Despite the somewhat bizarre concept of organized interaction among strangers, the event ran smoothly. As the men rotated from one woman to the next every four minutes, conversation was relatively relaxed, and there were plenty of smiles.

Freshman Scott McArthur had a laid-back attitude going into the event and found it easy to talk with everyone.

"I was just expecting to have a good time, not to meet anyone, so there wasn't much pressure," he said.

Cushner, on the other hand, prepared a little in advance.

"I admit, I thought of questions in the shower and Googled speed dating tips," he said. "One question, though, was, 'Do you want to have children?' so I skipped that one."

At the end of the 12 rounds, all of the participants were asked to check off names of other students with whom they thought they were compatible. When all lists were tallied, a total of 22 "matches" were made, and numbers were exchanged accordingly. As for fol-

lowing through and calling matches, participants had mixed ideas.

"I'm going to call one girl, and probably invite her to coffee. The rest were my residents, and it'd be kind of awkward to date my residents," said Cushner, a resident assistant in Tilton Hall.

The Features editors were later informed that Cushner is looking forward to a lunch date with the woman in question.

McArthur, however, did not go into speed dating with the intention of meeting someone special.

"I think [speed dating] can give an OK initial impression, but you need more time to make an actual judgment," he said.

Junior Laina Rosebrock did not take her matches too seriously either.

"I wasn't expecting anything. I was just doing it for sh--ts and giggles," Rosebrock said. "It was better for meeting new people as friends, not dates. It's an awkward concept for college kids; it's more for older singles to find dates."

Even Cushner agreed that speed dating seems intended for an older audience.

"If you do it when you're in college, it's kind of funny," he said. "But when you're 30, well, you're thinking about eHarmony[.com]."

To see a slideshow from the Daily's speed dating event, visit Tuftsdaily.com.

In response to new research, Tufts community debates the ethics of controlled love

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with an emotion as fragile and peculiar as love.

The implications of the drug could be as simple as putting the spark back into a dull marriage and getting over a tough breakup; concerns could be immense, however, if the drug's power fell into the wrong hands.

"We need love more than we need anything else. Take that ability away, and we lose our purpose as people. Conversely, if love is as easy as a poke in the arm, we lose the journey and struggle to obtain it, and then is it really worth having?"

Emily Cox
freshman

"I don't think you can exploit other people's emotions like that," freshman Kavitha Narra said. "I'd rather it develop naturally and know that the person actually likes me back."

Krimsky does not support the vaccine either.

"Love is so complicated, and there always seems to be an inexplicable X factor," he said. "The idea of trying to reduce it to some kind of chemical potion or to a list of shared beliefs is nonsense. It doesn't work. If we don't have a concept for what love is for an animal, how can we take it from an animal source and translate it to something so nuanced as human love?"

He explained that if the vaccine does enter the clinical picture, deciding how and when to use it will still be a major decision.

"[Just because] a vaccine makes people fall in love, [it] doesn't mean they will have a good relationship," he said. "It would be some kind of strange science fictional world if we could create a vaccine that facilitated marital bliss ... there is no way to create simple solutions to such extreme complexity."

That extreme complexity is something humans experience everyday, whether it be with falling in love for the first time or struggling to keep a marriage alive.

"A vaccine that can make people fall in and out of love goes against everything we are taught to believe about love," freshman Emily Cox said. "[Modern philosopher] Erich



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While these students seem to enjoy Valentine's Day, others may prefer an anti-love vaccine to avoid the depression that sometimes accompanies single life.

Fromm says that our deepest desire is to overcome our prison of separateness. If we don't, we'll go insane. We need love

more than we need anything else. Take that ability away, and we lose our purpose as people. Conversely, if love is as

easy as a poke in the arm, we lose the journey and struggle to obtain it, and then is it really worth having?"

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Brattle Theatre is known for showing old, odd, alternative and risqué movies to an eager audience.

Brattle Theatre's film series offers some alternative options for Valentine's Day

BY ERIC BERG
Daily Staff Writer

Brattle Theatre, the quirky, independent movie theater that has been a staple of Harvard Square since 1953, shows daring movies that are too risky, too foreign or too old to be offered in mainstream theaters. Its tradition of original programming is evident in its fourth "Great Romances" film series, which features classic love stories, horror films and a noir thriller each making appearances.

Saturday, per its tradition, the theater will cap off seven days of romance films with one of the most famous love stories ever put to film. Every Valentine's Day for the last four years, the Brattle Theatre has played "Casablanca" (1942) — arguably the greatest romantic drama ever to come out of Hollywood. In 67 years, nothing has managed to outdo the perfect, utterly quotable dialogue of "Casablanca" which, despite its age, still manages to catch the interest of young viewers.

Set during World War II in Casablanca,

Morocco, "Casablanca" features Nazis and Jewish freedom fighters, sniveling con artists and smooth-talking bartenders, forgotten lovers and unforgettable pianists, desperate refugees and flamboyant policemen. The movie centers around Rick (played by Humphrey Bogart), a bitter American expatriate, and the painful memories that arise when he must make an impossible choice: reunite with his old love, Ilsa (Ingrid Bergman), or help her Jewish lover, an important leader of the Resistance, escape Casablanca.

With fantastic supporting characters, especially the corrupt Captain Renault (Claude Rains), there is honestly not much about this movie to criticize. Whether accompanied by a friend who simply wants to see one of the best movies ever made or a more intimate companion, "Casablanca" is a movie that must be watched.

But for those unconvinced by stylish, witty, romantic dramas from the 1940s, the Brattle Theatre offered

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GALLERY REVIEW

Exhibit captures Ming Dynasty art

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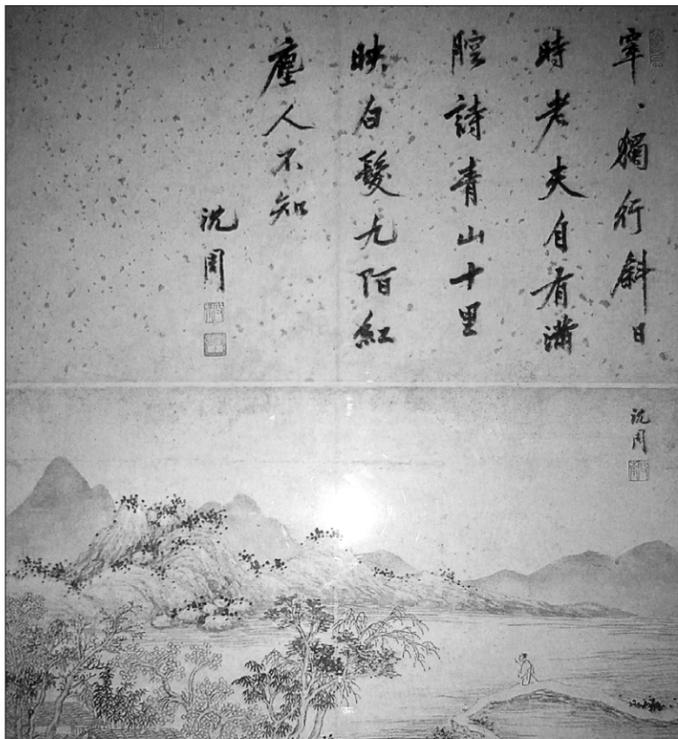
Not many can afford a trip to Suzhou, China, also known as the Oriental Venice.

Gentlemen of Suzhou

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"Gentlemen of Suzhou," an exhibition of Chinese paintings at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA), gives visitors a virtual tour of what the Garden City of China looked like during the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644 A.D.), at the same time that Europe was experiencing its Renaissance.

Located in the second floor of the MFA, "Gentlemen of Suzhou" exhibits artwork by masters from the Ming



COURTESY JIELIN HU

Grand depictions of nature are typical of Ming Dynasty artwork.

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BOOK REVIEW

Paine's 'Sex Whispering' nearly as dry as sex ed

BY LORRAYNE SHEN
Contributing Writer

A manual on how to be a better lover, "How to Treat a Woman: The Art and Science of Sex

How to Treat a Woman: The Art and Science of Sex Whispering

by Thomas Paine, M.D.



Better Angels Press

Whispering" has arrived fresh off the press, just in time for the bed-romping of Valentine's Day. Thomas Paine, M.D. (a pseudonym) touts his book as a step-by-step guide for young men in how to become a "sex whisperer." The book begins, "The mission of a sex whisperer is to give a woman the gift of an orgasm (it

is taken for granted that the sex whisperer will have one)."

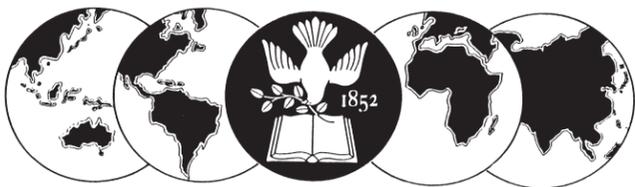
Paine gives young men the "seven pillars of sex whispering," ranging from "the clitoris-urethra-vaginal tissue complex" to "female sexual variability and sexual communication." He painstakingly explains the role of foreplay to various "erogenous zones" and backs his theories up with various sexual experiments, all the while describing just what to do during sex. While he is clear and frank in his discussion, Paine mostly succeeds in sucking out all the intrigue and excitement that surrounds sex. Glossy, full-color diagrams of genitalia galore are inserted in the middle of the book, with handy side-by-side comparisons between the anatomy of a penis and a clitoris. This may be to the point, but is not altogether helpful or inspiring.

Interestingly, halfway through

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Potential 'sex whisperers' are better off keeping their \$20

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the book, all talk of the female orgasm ceases and a high-school sexual education textbook commences. The longest chapter in this book is about sexually-transmitted diseases; birth control comes in at a close second. To summarize, Paine urges young men to use a condom and to not give women their sexually transmitted diseases. Does anyone really need to read a book to tell them women would appreciate that?

"How to Treat a Woman" is a motley combination of statistics, the history of sex and dry instructions on how to stimulate your partner. It is not detailed enough to be research material, not juicy enough for pleasure and just boring enough to never get you through the seven pillars to achieve the elusive status of "sex whisperer." While it is chock full of research studies about female sexuality, Paine's glib use of flowery titles like "sex whisperer" and creation of a set of sexual pillars severely dilutes the credibility of his manual.

Everything in this book could be found in an issue of Cosmopolitan magazine. Over-saturated discussion of the elusive G-spot, multiple orgasms, coital alignment technique and the importance of communication fills the pages. There is nothing revolutionary or unique about "How to Treat a Woman."

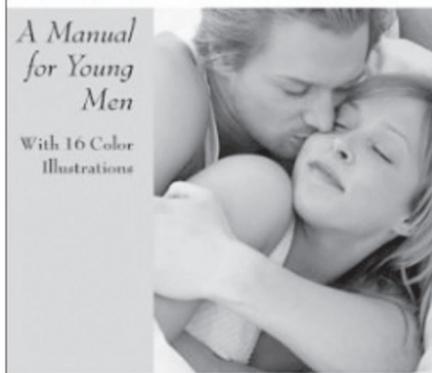
The only redeeming parts of Paine's manual come when he occasionally spouts a few mildly interesting statistics. He lists the average duration of sex before male ejaculation as categorized by nation (seven minutes for the United States, five minutes and 48 seconds for Spain) to support the idea of pacing during sex. He mentions that while 25 percent of women report always having an orgasm with intercourse, 33 percent report never achieving orgasm. Unfortunately, the newly minted "sex whisperers" of Paine's tutelage may not learn enough to improve these statistics.

HOW TO TREAT A WOMAN

THE ART AND SCIENCE OF
SEX WHISPERING

A Manual
for Young
Men

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THOMAS PAINE, M.D.

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This book should be retitled "Everything You Wanted to Know About Sex ... but Were Afraid to Ask" by Dr. Ruth Westheimer.

It is no small feat to render discussion of ribbed condoms, lube and nipple stimulation mind-numbingly boring. What is not common sense in this book are the pages and pages of scientific quotation. A Cosmopolitan magazine would at least have some embarrassingly amusing testimonials or erotica-esqe how-to's. Instead, young men are given a painful instructional manual akin to a textbook, but a lot less trustworthy.

Read this guide, young men of Tufts, and perhaps you too can achieve the level of "sex whisperer." However, keep in mind that you may be \$20 richer and much more educated and entertained with Wikihow.com, pornography or just plain practice.



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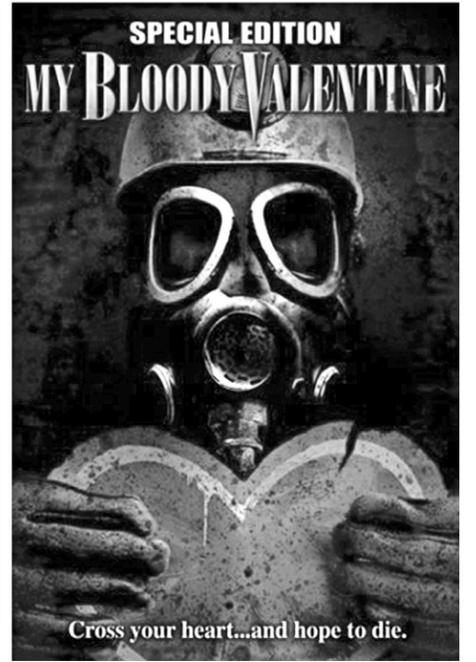
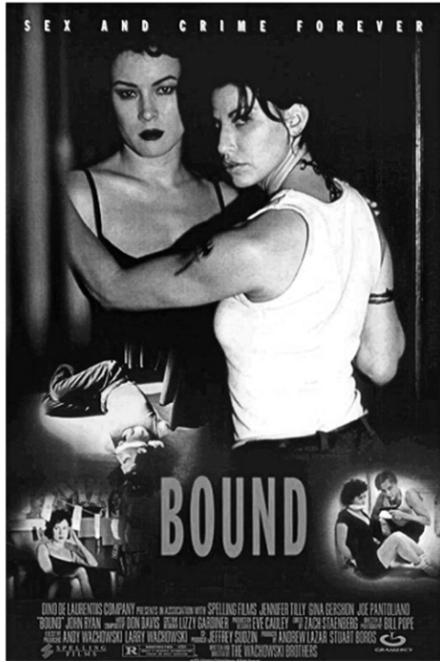
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These four films were among the many shown during Brattle Theatre's 'Great Romances' film series.

Brattle Theatre caps off a week of romance with horror films and a classic

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a slightly different romance on Thursday. "Bound" (1996) is a noir thriller and the first movie directed by the Wachowski brothers, makers of "The Matrix" (1999).

"Bound" is about two women, an ex-con and the girlfriend of a mafia thug, who have an affair and plot to steal \$2 million from the mob. At its core, it is standard crime thriller material. But what makes "Bound" worth watching is how well everything fits together.

The film is the Wachowskis at their

best, before the double trouble of the terrible "The Matrix Reloaded" (2003) and "The Matrix Revolutions" (2003). Like "The Matrix," "Bound" has a trademarked style. It offers subtly perfect music, beautiful close up shots of hands and amazing shots of liquid in many forms including water, oil, paint and blood.

Incredible dialogue oozes from every scene, just as in "Casablanca." No wonder that one of the central villains of "Bound" took some of his inspiration from Bogart's many film noir roles. Particularly noteworthy is the relation-

ship between the two main characters. The actresses infuse their romance with honesty and humor. Their performance as both a couple and con artists, manipulating the rest of the characters as they go, is terrific.

This is an exceptionally violent movie, filled with as much sex and blood as a typical Quentin Tarantino movie. For those who have a strong stomach and are sick of sappy, simpering lovers, "Bound" is a great Valentine's Day movie. Although it was only at the theater on Thursday, you can also find it at the Tisch Library (and save some

precious money in the process).

On the Friday before Valentine's Day this year, Brattle Theatre is mixing up its romance theme to include a few classic slasher movies. "Friday the 13th" (1980) and the appropriately titled "My Bloody Valentine" (1981) will be playing as a special double feature. For the horror fans out there, these are classics that should not be missed.

Brattle Theatre is located at 40 Brattle Street, Harvard Square. For more information about Brattle Theatre and the films it plays, visit www.brattlefilm.org or call (617) 876-6837.



COURTESY JIELIN HU

Elegant poetry from China is displayed in a classical style at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

Nature is paramount in Ming Dynasty art

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Dynasty. There are five kinds of objects on display: ink paintings with short poems on paper, paintings on long vertical silk scrolls, paintings on long horizontal scrolls, calligraphy on fan-shaped gold paper and calligraphy on stationary made of bamboo.

During the Ming Dynasty, the national economy and the arts prospered in China. Suzhou, a city located in the east of China, fostered numerous accomplished scholars in its serene atmosphere. Most of these scholars chose not to become involved in bureaucracy, and instead enjoyed a hermitic lifestyle amid the tranquil mountains, waterways and gardens in Suzhou. They congregated regularly to exchange intellectual opinions or lived in complete solitude to fully experience the beautiful sceneries, compose poems and paint. Consequently, the main subject matter of artwork produced at this time is nature.

"Views of Tiger Hill" is an ink painting on paper by Xie Shichen. Xie depicts Tiger Hill as zigzag stone pathways climbing upward to the clouds. His portrayal of this frequently visited tourist site looks dra-

matically different from reality. However, the exaggeration of the hill represents the scholars' perspective on the vastness of nature. Human figures are present in the painting, but Xie only outlines them lightly, making it difficult for the viewer to perceive what the figures are doing in the painting. Tiger Hill stretches continuously on the scroll, and the misty atmosphere created by Xie's skillful use of ink invites an exploration the essence of nature.

Another highlight of the exhibition is "Four Leaves from an Album of Eight Landscapes and Matching Poems" by Shen Zhou, a prominent figure among the artists at the time in Suzhou. Shen had a leading role in the development of Wu School art (Wu is Suzhou's ancient name). He lived a simple life, far away from the materialism and distraction of capital cities. Shen excelled at calligraphy, painting and poetry, which were collectively called the "Three Perfections." He has been regarded as the Chinese counterpart of Leonardo da Vinci.

The lower half of one of the leaves in this piece depicts mountainous scenery with some trees, a hut and a river,

all very common elements in Chinese landscapes. Once again, the viewer can also see a tiny man standing on the bank contemplating the view. These Chinese artists only used ink and brushes to delicately trace the outline of the views they saw; the enormity and scale of nature were considered more important. The details of scenes and human figures were depicted as expendable in order to create a simple and subtle tranquility as a reflection of the artist's inner peace.

Shen expresses his appreciation of nature through a 35-word poem placed neatly on the upper half of the paper. As he embraces the mountains, water and trees, inspiration rushes out; Shen cherishes the solitude and simplicity of his life in the Garden City, mocking how people struggled for money and fame in the materialistic world.

"Gentlemen of Suzhou" represents how the heavenly sceneries inspired Chinese intellectuals who lived humble and quiet lives far away from distractions. Their artwork portrays the deeply rooted belief in Chinese culture that nature is so powerful that human beings seem insignificant.

Tufts Film Series' weekend lineup



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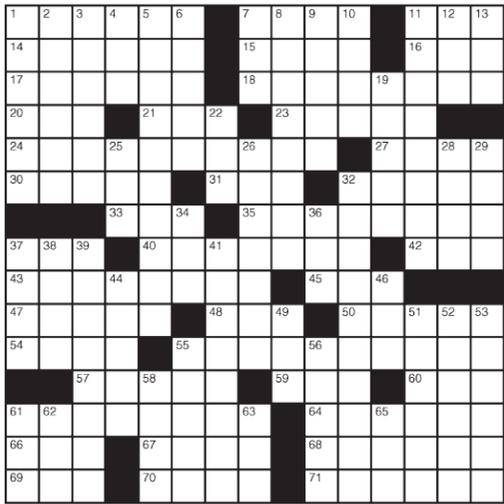
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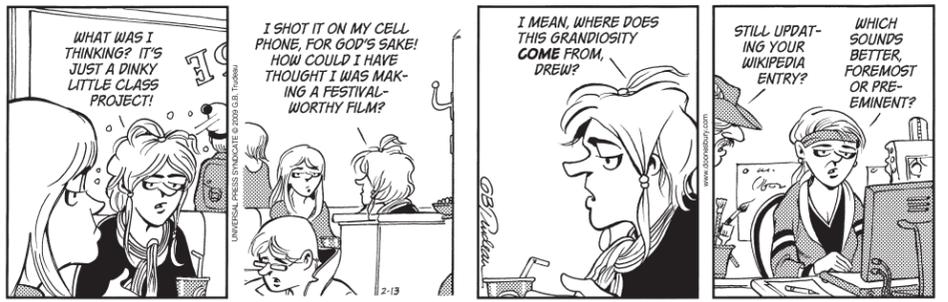
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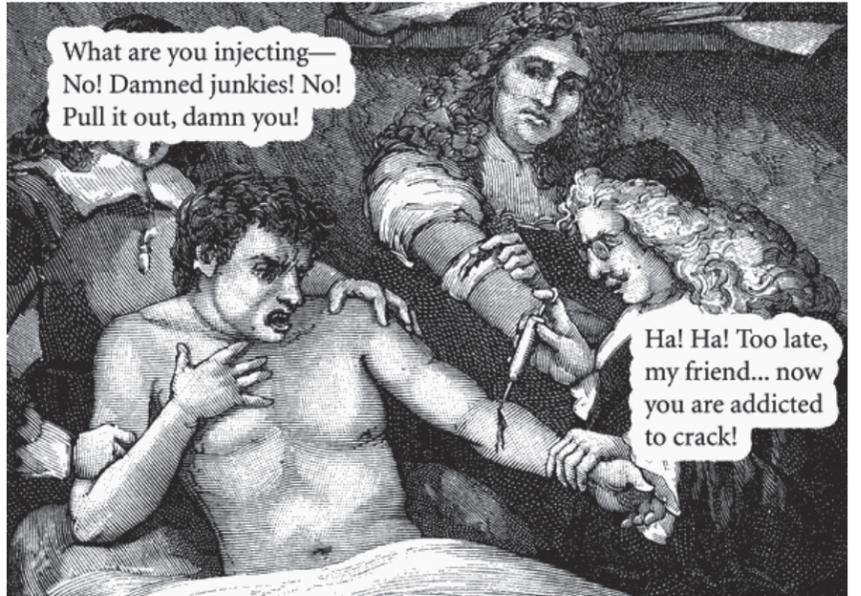


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Four accomplished cyclists all return to the scene in California this weekend

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had a chance to show just how good he still is. The real question, though, will be whether or not he is competing to win, as the possibility that he is only there to support teammate Leipheimer is very likely. Although Armstrong does not have the advantage of having competed in the AToC before, his résumé simply speaks for itself, and when Lance wants to win, he usually does.

The simultaneous return of all four of these accomplished racers to the professional scene guarantees that the 2009 AToC will be one of the most exciting yet. The list of favorites for the overall classification goes on, however, and includes team Saxobank's Frank and Andy Schleck (Luxembourg); Columbia-Highroad's George Hincapie (USA), Michael Rogers (Australia) and Kim Kirchen (Luxembourg); Garmin-Slipstream's Christian Vande Velde and David Zabriskie (USA); and Rock Racing's Tyler Hamilton, the American professional road race champion.

Clearly, the start list for the tour is incredibly deep, and the competition would be fierce regardless of the course. But the race organizers did not want to be left out of the excitement, so they have put together what promises to be a grueling race that should not disappoint.

As usual, the AToC will open

with a prologue, a short individual time trial that will determine who wears the leader's yellow jersey on the following day's Stage 1. Unlike previous years, however, this year's prologue will not be a climb but rather a pancake-flat 2.4-mile course that should result in absolutely blistering speeds. Look for time trial specialists like Saxobank's Fabian Cancellara (Switzerland), Bissell Pro Cycling's Tom Zirbel (USA) and American professional time trial champion Zabriskie to really light up the pavement on the opening day tomorrow.

As for the rest of the course, the word on everyone's lips is "climbing." With the exception of the time trial on Stage 6, every single stage features some amount of climbing that could shatter the peloton and determine the final outcome. Although the course has changed markedly from previous years, it still includes many of the climbs for which the race is famous, like Stage 3's 1,930-foot Sierra Road climb. Any given day could prove to be the most crucial.

But if climb after climb after climb is not enough to shake up the overall classification, Stage 6's Solvang individual time trial (ITT) should do the trick. The 15-mile course is similar to previous years, and if those editions are any indicator, this year's ITT will not be overlooked by the main contenders. Last year,



Floyd Landis is one of several cyclists in the midst of a comeback at the Amgen Tour of California, which begins tomorrow.

Leipheimer entered the ITT with just a 13-second lead over Cancellara, but with a convincing win, he extended his overall lead to 49 seconds and held it all the way to the finish.

Even the final day could factor into the overall outcome. With the 11.7 miles and 21 switchbacks of the 4,200-foot Palomar Mountain standing between them and the finish line, none of

the yellow-jersey hopefuls will be able to rest until they finally cross the line in Escondido. And that's not to mention the three other climbs on the menu for Stage 8. Going up?

Right to host NESCACs could be on the line when Middlebury travels to Amherst

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focus on one player because we're all dangerous, and I believe that's been a big factor in my success this year. It's also just senior year, coming into my own. And we're all shooting for that NESCAC championship, we're all motivated, especially the seniors."

Rudin is complemented by senior co-captain Aaron Smith, who averages 8.2 points and 7.3 rebounds and has helped guide Middlebury to a 17-0 mark when he is on court. The Panthers also boast sophomore Andrew Locke, whose 78 blocks on the year are well ahead of next-highest NESCAC competitor Tufts junior Tom Selby and his 45. As a team, Middlebury is first in the nation in blocks and opponents' field goal percentage.

"I think the real key — they have a bunch of good pieces — is their point guard Ben Rudin," Hixon said. "We need to slow him down a bit. He's a good player; he makes them go. They've got all the pieces and senior leadership. So we're going to have to play our best and we're working on slowing him down."

"You know they play great defense, rebound very well and are unselfish and smart on offense," Baskauskas added. "We're just going to have to match their intensity on both ends of the floor and rebound. If we shoot as well as we can and max our intensity, we should be all set. But that game's definitely going to be a battle."

The Panthers, however, are not getting ahead of themselves when looking at the weekend competition, as they first must take on last year's NESCAC

champion Trinity tonight.

"I'm worried about both opponents this weekend," Middlebury coach Jeff Brown said. "We play Trinity first. A concern for us is that they're extremely talented and certainly very athletic. They're returning key players from the NESCAC championship team of last season, so this week a lot of our focus has been on the first game. Obviously Amherst without saying is the premier program in New England, traditionally nationally ranked and so on, so it'll be a tough weekend for us to go on the road, but I'm quite pleased with our success in NESCAC play up until this point."

Still, the Panthers command an air of confidence about them heading into the game. Unlike previous years, in which Middlebury was young and Amherst was the favorite, this time the Panthers are the experienced ones and the Lord Jeffs are the ones relying on youth.

"We know they're going to be a tough competitor, but this is the first time in my four years when we are the more experienced team coming into the game," Rudin said. "The past three years, they were always more experienced, and to their credit they played as they should. But they graduated a great group of seniors last year. This year we're looking to take advantage of our experience."

"We've been confident all year in our ability to come away with a win," Smith added. "[These are] definitely the biggest games of the year this weekend. It'll come down to us playing our game and not getting rattled if things don't go the way we want early on. We do that and we're tough to beat."

While Amherst is not used to the underdog role, the team doesn't lack confidence. In fact, the Lord Jeffs, who lead the league in points and scoring margin as a team, believe that if things go well, they could be on their way to a fourth straight national Final Four.

"I do think anything can happen," Hixon said. "When we're healthy, I think we're a really interesting team. We have the ability on any given night — even though we're a bit thin and young and inexperienced — we can beat anybody because of how we shoot the ball."

"We're not as strong as we've been; we don't have the depth that we've had and we're playing three freshmen 20 minutes each," he continued. "Most people would say you can't do it with that, but that's why you play the games. I've seen some pretty unusual things happen. If we get healthy, who knows? We could get pretty deep. Do I think we're the best in the country? I don't. But the best doesn't always win. We shoot well and can be a problem for a lot of teams if we're healthy."

While Amherst is hoping for few fortunate bounces to go its way, Middlebury is less concerned with luck and more proud of the hard work that's brought the team to this point.

"I've been thinking about this since I was a freshman, what it would be like [to win the NESCAC Championship]," Smith said. "I think it's all starting to come together; everyone's on the same page. I think we're hitting our peak at the most important part of the season."

Still, Smith emphasized that in order to be considered the best, the Panthers first have to beat the best.

"[The balance of power] hasn't shifted yet," he said. "We have to prove to the NESCAC and everyone else that we are the top power in the NESCAC now. It's going to take wins on Friday and Saturday to do that. Until that happens, until we're NESCAC champs, it's anybody's for the taking."

"You have to give [Amherst] credit — they've won championships, they have the credentials," Rudin said. "Right now we put ourselves on the national map as we deserve, but we need to build a resume of our own like Amherst to get the respect they've gotten. But right now we are the ranked team in the nation and we deserve that ranking."

Having completed what will be considered the best season in its history regardless of how this weekend plays out, the Panthers know the sky is the limit.

"I honestly think we could go as far as anyone as long as we play our basketball," Rudin said. "But right now [the NESCAC championship] is the goal and that's what we're shooting for. We all know how talented the NESCAC is, so if you don't play your game anything can happen, but if we do what we've done all year, we should find success."

"As far as NCAAs, last year the experience of being in the first round was so new," Smith added. "It was kind of surreal because we thought our season was over right before that. I wouldn't say we weren't experienced enough to handle that game, but now that we've got it off our backs, we know what it takes to win at that level. We're determined to see how far we can go; I think we can be playing in March."

Tufts' defense will be tested against Bates tomorrow on Senior Day in Cousens

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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a team and hitting that point that every team hits when chemistry is starting to show," Tausanovitch said. "We know this is a different Bates team that is playing really well, but there is also a lot at stake for us."

Tufts will have to contend with one of the best scorers in the conference on Saturday in senior Val Beckwith, who is second in the NESCAC at 18.3 points per contest. Junior Lauren Yanofsky, however, was the player that hurt the Jumbos the most in the earlier clash, as she

caught fire in the second half and finished with 18 points. The forward is the ninth-leading scorer in the league with 12.2 points per game. And with freshman point guard Annie Burns — who averages over five assists — at the helm, Bates has a potent offense.

"I think that we learned last time we played Bates that Beckwith is not their only offensive weapon," junior guard Vanessa Miller said. "What it comes down to is playing good team defense and having good help defense."

Although the Jumbos' defense

will clearly be tested, if they get a contribution from the bench like they did Tuesday, they should not have many problems. The 31 points from the reserves was the third-highest total for Tufts this season, and their strong play is a good sign for the team.

Although Bates has lost three of their last six games, it will be coming off a win of its own over Trinity on Saturday. The Bobcats will try to keep their grasp on the fourth spot in the league, which would guarantee them a much-coveted home game in the opening round

of the NESCAC Tournament. Only Wesleyan, who beat Bates on a last-second jumper on Jan. 31, can push the Bobcats down to the fifth spot if it wins both of its games this weekend at home over Bowdoin and Colby — and Tufts wins Saturday.

Tufts, meanwhile, still has an outside shot at earning a higher seed if Amherst or Bowdoin slip up in their two games this weekend. While the loss to the Lord Jeffs on Saturday means that Tufts will need both Williams and Middlebury to upset the conference's top team, an upset by Wesleyan or Conn. College

over the Polar Bears could help the Jumbos jump up a spot in the conference standings.

First things first, however: Tufts needs to take care of business tomorrow.

"At this point, where we stand isn't terribly important to us," Miller said. "We know that we have done our job to get our spot in the top couple teams in the league. I don't think right now anyone is worried about standings. We are just worried about Bates. We are trying not to think too far ahead because they are a team that is tough to beat."

EDITORS' CHALLENGE: NBA ALL-STAR WEEKEND EDITION



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ANDREW MORGENTHALER/TUFTS DAILY

Sophomore Stephanie McNamara will compete as one leg of the women's track and field team's distance medley relay team at the Valentine Invitational, hosted by BU this weekend.

Some Jumbos head to MIT track meet tomorrow

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"It's not great for the field events," Morwick said. "With a lot of Div. I schools, our kids will only get three jumps or three throws ... [Freshman high jumper Dayorsha Collins] last time sat around a lot between jumps."

Instead of partaking in the Valentine Invitational, several members of both the men's and women's teams will head down the Red Line to Cambridge to compete at MIT, as the Engineers boast a setup considerably more conducive to success for the field event specialists and sprinters.

"[MIT is] a far superior facility if you're a sprinter or a jumper or a thrower," Barron said. "Our [field events specialists] and our sprinters are getting a great opportunity at MIT as well. We've had a lot of school records and qualifiers in the field events come out of the MIT track."

STATISTICS | STANDINGS

Men's Basketball (9-14, 1-7 NESCAC)

	NESCAC		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Middlebury	7	0	20	2
Amherst	6	1	18	4
Williams	5	2	15	7
Colby	4	3	15	7
Bowdoin	3	4	14	8
Trinity	3	4	8	13
Bates	3	5	12	10
Conn. Coll.	2	5	13	9
Wesleyan	2	5	6	15
Tufts	1	7	9	14

Individual Statistics

	PPG	RPG	APG
Jon Pierce	22.1	8.6	1.2
Dave Beyel	13.1	4.4	1.5
Aaron Gallant	12.2	3.0	1.4
Matt Galvin	5.3	2.5	4.9
Tom Selby	5.0	5.0	0.7
Dan Cook	4.3	1.9	1.0
James Long	3.7	3.6	2.2
A. Quezada	3.7	1.3	0.4
Reed Morgan	3.3	1.3	1.1
Sam Mason	2.3	2.8	0.7
Bryan Lowry	1.9	1.4	0.2
Peter Saba	1.0	1.0	0.2
Max Cassidy	0.8	1.3	0.1

Team	74.7	39.4	12.8
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Women's Basketball (18-3, 6-2 NESCAC)

	NESCAC		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Amherst	6	1	21	1
Bowdoin	6	1	18	4
Tufts	6	2	18	3
Bates	5	3	16	7
Colby	3	4	12	9
Trinity	3	4	15	6
Wesleyan	3	4	11	9
Williams	3	4	8	14
Middlebury	1	6	7	14
Conn. Coll.	0	7	8	14

Individual Statistics

	PPG	RPG	APG
Julia Baily	13.5	8.3	1.0
Colleen Hart	12.0	4.1	4.8
K. Tausanovitch	10.1	6.1	1.1
Kim Moynihan	9.8	4.5	2.2
Casey Sullivan	7.9	2.9	1.8
Rachel Figaro	7.1	5.5	0.9
Lindsay Weiner	3.1	0.8	0.6
Vanessa Miller	3.0	3.6	2.0
T. Kornegay	2.3	1.2	1.1
Katie Puishys	2.2	1.8	0.2
Kate Barnosky	1.3	0.5	0.8
Stacy Filocco	1.1	0.4	0.5
Katie Wholey	1.1	0.6	0.4

Team	71.6	43.2	16.5
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Ice Hockey (8-11-1, 4-10-1 NESCAC/ECAC East)

	NESCAC			OVERALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Amherst	12	2	1	14	4	1
Middlebury	12	2	1	15	4	1
Williams	10	3	2	12	6	2
Trinity	10	5	0	13	6	0
Conn. Coll.	7	5	3	11	6	3
Bowdoin	6	7	2	9	9	2
Hamilton	7	8	0	8	11	1
Tufts	4	10	1	8	11	1
Colby	3	10	2	5	12	3
Wesleyan	3	11	1	3	15	1

Individual Statistics

	G	A	Pts.
Tom Derosa	12	8	20
Nick Resor	10	9	19
Dylan Cooper	4	11	15
Mike Vitale	1	8	9
Evan Story	6	2	8
Andy Davis	3	5	8
Doug Wilson	2	6	8
Matt Amico	1	7	8
Lindsay Walker	3	4	7
Zach Diaco	3	3	6
Team	54	82	136

	S	GA	S %
Scott Barchard	626	53	.922
Jay McNamara	55	9	.859
Team	557	60	.903

SCHEDULE | Feb. 13 - Feb. 17

	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES
Men's Basketball		at Bates 2 p.m.			
Women's Basketball		Bates 3 p.m.			at Worcester State 7 p.m.
Ice Hockey	Salem St. 4 p.m.	Southern Maine 4 p.m.			
Men's Swimming and Diving					
Women's Swimming and Diving					
Men's Indoor Track and Field			Valentine Invitational 10 a.m.		
Women's Indoor Track and Field		Valentine Invitational 11 a.m.	Valentine Invitational 11 a.m.		
Men's Squash					
Women's Squash	Howe Cup at Harvard TBA	Howe Cup at Harvard TBA	Howe Cup at Harvard TBA		

INSIDE THE NESCAC



ANDREW MORGENTHALER/TUFTS DAILY

Amherst senior co-captain Brian Baskauskas, shown here shooting against Tufts during a Feb. 7 contest in Cousens Gym, will join the rest of the Lord Jeffs in taking on national No. 13 Middlebury this weekend in a game that will determine which squad will earn the right to host the conference tourney. Amherst has been a traditional titan in NESCAC men's basketball, while upstart Middlebury is vying to establish itself as a new league power.

Middlebury, Amherst fight for supremacy

BY DAVID HECK
Daily Editorial Board

In sports, some of the most compelling matchups often carry connotations of past versus present — an established champion going up against a high-potential up-and-comer.

Such will be the case this weekend in the world of NESCAC men's basketball, as conference leader and nationally ranked No. 13 Middlebury will travel to the conference's current second-place team and traditional powerhouse Amherst in a battle for first place and the right to host the NESCAC Tournament.

"This weekend is going to determine the playoff season for the NESCAC," Amherst senior co-captain Brian Baskauskas said. "Hosting the NESCAC Tournament is awesome, and it's a huge advantage."

The Lord Jeffs own a long history of achievement not only on the conference level but also nationally, having gone to the NCAA Final Four the past three years, including their title run in 2007. But the team has lost an unheard-of 11 seniors over the last two seasons, five of whom have gone pro.

This season, Amherst sports more youth but has still found success, compiling a 6-1 conference clip and 18-4 overall mark, though the team has

done so with an arguably less competitive schedule than in years past. The team has only played two of the top four squads in the NESCAC, beating Williams in a game that did not count toward the Lord Jeffs' conference record and losing to Colby on the road. This weekend will be a true test for the purple and white, as it will face both third-place Williams and first-place Middlebury at home.

"Naturally, [this weekend is] really important," said Amherst coach Dave Hixon, who has won four NESCAC Championships since the tournament was instituted in 2001. "If we were to win both, we'd host the whole thing. With each of the games, I think you play for position. The good news is we have a home first round already locked up, and we're still in the hunt for an at-large or automatic bid [to the NCAA Tournament]; you just have to win every game you can this time of year."

Amherst is led by Baskauskas, who is third in the league in scoring with 16.6 points per game and shoots at a remarkably efficient 51.9 percent. But he and the Lord Jeffs will be challenged by the Ephs' two-headed monster of junior Blake Schultz and senior Kevin Snyder, who are second and fourth in the NESCAC in points, respectively.

While Amherst won the first battle with Williams 65-60 on Jan. 10, the team

expects it to be a much different contest this time around, with both squads suffering from injuries to key players. Junior Joe Geoghegan, Williams' third-leading scorer with 12.6 points per game, is out with a stress fracture in his leg, while Amherst junior Steven Wheeler, the team's second-leading scorer with a 12.5-point average, will also be out.

"It's going to be interesting," Hixon said. "I think it'll be an entirely different game. A bunch of our guys have the 24-hour flu; we haven't been able to practice this week. I'm scrambling — I may have to dress."

If Amherst gets by Williams, it will then have to look to the NESCAC's current top dog, Middlebury. The Panthers are 7-0 in the conference and 20-2 overall, breaking the program record of 19 wins that they set last year. They are led by their reigning NESCAC Player of the Week and NESCAC Player of the Year contender, senior co-captain point guard Ben Rudin, who is having the best season of his four-year career with averages of 14.7 points and 4.6 assists per contest.

"I think [my play] has to do a lot with the overall team and the talent we have on the team and others stepping up as well," Rudin said. "Nobody can

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GIDEON JACOBS | THE POOCH PUNTER



The end of an era

Roger Federer's dominance was just another part of my childhood, a given. It was as predictable as gravity, as perfunctory as another school year, as constant as my mother's love. I never questioned it, tried to explain it or put it into context. I merely accepted it as fact: Everyone was playing tennis and this guy was playing another sport entirely.

As such, I've been thrown into a beginning-of-real-life crisis. Roger's consecutive Grand Slam final losses to Rafael Nadal on grass, and now hardcourt, have left me feeling totally unsettled. I felt like I did when my dad got too old and slow to beat me in one-on-one. Or when I found out my sister, the straight-A student of the Jacobs family, actually lost the fourth grade reading competition. It's hard to see chinks in the armor of your heroes. And when you do, it shakes your foundation.

When Fed's forehand flew long and Rafa fell to the floor in ecstasy, I got the feeling in my stomach that you get when you're running downstairs too fast and miss a step. The mighty — my mighty — had fallen. Fed lifted the "thanks for playing" silver plate, and I felt lost.

I was forced to accept, for the first time in my tennis-aware life, that the guy playing the best tennis in the world was not Roger Federer (I was fresh out of the womb when Pete Sampras won his first Slam). And is there really any doubt of that?

When Rafa won Wimbledon, the Fed loyalists were deeming it a fluke. Nadal was an unstoppable force for the entire tournament. His game was so unaware of itself. It was so innate, intense and quick that it made a then-26-year-old Federer look, dare I say it, old. I'm not saying Federer looked bad in the five-set thriller at the All England Club; in fact, most "experts" contend he played well. I'm just saying Nadal looked good; he looked historically good.

So, when Federer took his fifth US Open title in September (he didn't have to face Nadal, who lost in the semifinals), the Fed loyalists assumed order was finally restored in the universe. That the world, once again, was subject to the laws of tennis:

Section 1: Roger Federer is the best ever.

Corollary A: He doesn't lose on grass or hardcourt.

But last week it happened again, and this time, it can't be called a fluke. Nadal was physically worn down by his intense hardcourt schedule in preparation for the Aussie Open. He was visibly not as fresh as he was during his masterful run at Wimbledon. But he did what all the greats do, what we've seen Federer do time and time again; he willed a win.

And with this victory, it's becoming increasingly clear that Rafael Nadal is the greatest talent a tennis court has ever seen. Yes, the greatest ever. This isn't something that I can back up with stats, records or achievements (yet); but as my fellow columnist David Heck pointed out last week, it's just something that you see and feel when you watch Rafa play. We are talking about athletics at its most basic and fundamental form. And Nadal is, right now, in his current athletic build and state of mind, the best there has ever been. For a long time Federer looked like a man among boys; right now, Nadal looks like something else entirely.

I hope I'm wrong about this. I have always loved Roger, the champion of my childhood. And maybe he can pull a "Rocky in Russia" and make that now hugely important statement of beating Nadal on the clay of Roland Garros. Maybe he can take back the Wimbledon crown, repeat at the Open and reassert the previously mentioned "laws of tennis." But maybe he can't. Maybe the predictable dominance, the "Reign of Roger," and my childhood along with it are truly over. And if they are, well, that just plain blows.

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INSIDE PRO CYCLING

California dreaming: Tour of California is a comeback show for cycling's big names

BY EVAN COOPER
Daily Editorial Board

In just one day's time, scenic California will play host to the biggest cycling race held in the United States: the Amgen Tour of California (AToC).

In its fourth year, the nine-day AToC is shaping up to be more hotly contested than ever before. One of the biggest races of the early season, the AToC will have special meaning in 2009 as it helps kick off a year already marked by big comebacks. In addition to pre-race favorites like Team Astana's two-time defending champion Levi Leipheimer (USA) and 2008 Tour de France champion Carlos Sastre (Spain) of Cervélo TestTeam, four other important contenders will be looking to get their seasons started with a bang.

American Tom Danielson of Garmin-Slipstream once showed the potential to develop into Lance Armstrong's succes-

sor. In 2005, Danielson won the now-defunct Tour de Georgia and took seventh in the Vuelta a Espana. The next year, he took second and sixth in those same races, respectively, as well as eighth in the AToC. Since then, however, Danielson has been plagued by nagging injuries and various illnesses that have left both him and his fans disappointed. After regaining his health and confidence by adding more races to his schedule last season, Danielson looks poised to crack the top ranks of the sport once again, and the AToC will be his first test in 2009.

Also on the start list is Italian Ivan Basso of team Liquigas, who returned to competition late last year after a two-year suspension for doping. Having won the Giro d'Italia in 2006 and stood on all but the top step of the podium at the Tour de France, Basso is one of the foremost stage racers in the world and one of the most threatening riders on any challenging mountain stage. Like Danielson,

Basso did race last season, but only in the closing months of 2008, and the 2009 AToC could be his opportunity to make a new and cleaner name for himself.

American Floyd Landis is also on his way back. Landis won the 2006 Tour de France, but after a failed doping control for synthetic testosterone, he lost his title and was suspended for two years. Although Landis never admitted to cheating and has, in fact, fought to overturn the ruling against him for the duration of his suspension, he has been out of the sport until now. Winner of the inaugural edition of the AToC in 2006, Landis is no stranger to the roads that he will be covering over the next week. And if there is anyone that has something to prove in the peloton this year, it is Landis.

Finally, there is, of course, Armstrong. While he already suited up this year at the Tour Down Under, Armstrong hasn't yet

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Bates pays a visit to Tufts to end in-conference schedule

BY ETHAN LANDY
 Daily Editorial Board

Sandwiching an Amherst loss between a pair of Trinity wins, Tufts will take that momentum and move on to its last conference game of the season — a showdown with the Bates Bobcats.

Currently ranked 16th in Div. III, Tufts will welcome Bates (16-7) tomorrow. The Bobcats should provide a test for the Jumbos, as they sit just behind Tufts in the NESCAC standings with a 5-3 record in the conference.

The Jumbos will be playing with the added incentive: the contest is also Senior Day for the four members of the graduating class. Tufts has not lost at home since the fourth game of the season back in November and will be hoping to keep that streak alive tomorrow.

"Obviously it is the culmination of a really long career for all of us," said senior forward Katie Tausanovitch, who is also a layout editor for the Daily. "Everyone wants to go out there and give their best performance and have fun and give ourselves a good going away present and thank our teammates for what they invested in us. So it is a big deal for us. It kind of signifies the end of something that has been really great for us."

The game is a rematch of the Jan. 10 battle that Tufts won 66-55 in Lewiston, Maine in a matchup that did not count toward the NESCAC standings. In that contest, four of Tufts' five starters posted double-digits in scoring, led by junior forward Julia Baily with 18 points. The Jumbos overcame a season-high 22 turnovers, which led to 31 points for the Bobcats, and built a double-digit lead for the last 14 minutes of the game.

Tufts' defense was outstanding on Tuesday against Trinity, holding them to just 27.5 percent shooting and dominating the game from the opening tip-off.



JOSH BERLINGER/TUFTS DAILY

Senior forward Katie Tausanovitch and three other members of the Class of 2009 will be honored on Senior Day tomorrow.

But Bates will be a different story; they are tied with Amherst as the top shooting team in the conference and also excel from beyond the arc. The Bobcats are adept at sharing the basketball, leading the NESCAC with an average 18.26 assists per game.

"When we faced Bates earlier in the season, they were just starting to play together as

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NESCAC Weekend Basketball Preview

WOMEN

Game of the Week: Bowdoin at Wesleyan — A talented Cardinals team might represent the final major hurdle standing between the Polar Bears and their fifth regular season NESCAC title. Boasting two of the NESCAC's top four scorers in senior guard Ali Fourney and graduate co-captain Lucy Sprung, Wesleyan (11-9, 3-4 NESCAC) has underachieved this season. But with their talent, the Cardinals are certainly capable of repeating last season's 62-49 victory over the Polar Bears. If Bowdoin gets past Wesleyan, it will have a chance to clinch the conference's top seed Saturday against Conn. College, which hasn't won a conference game all season.

Player to Watch: Jennifer Shinall, Conn. College — The conference's fifth-leading scorer is on her way to completing the top scoring season by a freshman in the last five years. No NESCAC first-year has done better than Shinall's 14.3 scoring average since Margaret Miller posted 15.6 points per game for Williams in 2004. In a down season for Conn. College (8-14, 0-7 NESCAC), Shinall has been a bright spot. She'll be faced with one of her most challenging matchups of the season this weekend, as the Camels host first-place Bowdoin in their season finale on Saturday.

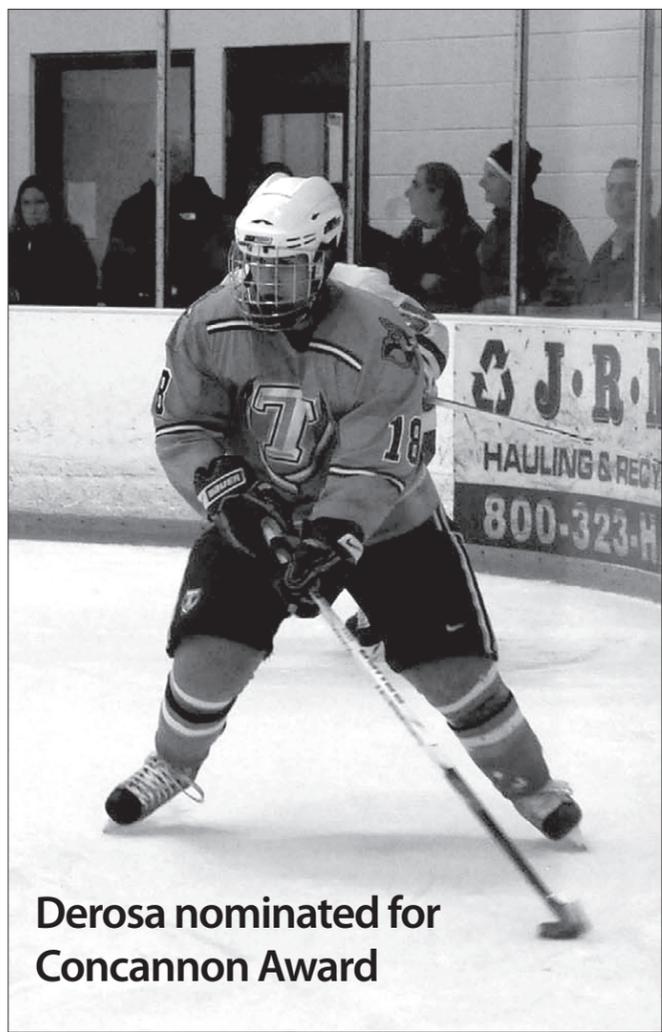
Inside the Numbers: 4 — Number of teams tied for fifth place heading into tonight's games.

MEN

Game of the Week: Middlebury at Amherst — Only two games separate Middlebury from an undefeated NESCAC record. However, one of those will come against Amherst, the second-best team in the conference. With the best offense in the league and home court advantage, the Lord Jeffs might have the fire power to knock off the Panthers. Senior Brian Baskauskas, averaging 16.6 points per game, is the latest dynamic scorer to go up against Middlebury and will look for help from junior Steven Wheeler. The Panthers' last four league games have featured three wins by seven points or less, so they seem to be ripe for an upset.

Player to Watch: Ben Rudin, Middlebury — Rudin, last week's NESCAC Player of the Week, has been one of the driving forces behind Middlebury's best-ever 16-game winning streak. Last weekend, the senior guard averaged 26 points as the Panthers earned victories over Bowdoin and Colby. At almost 15 points per game, Rudin is the top scorer for the conference's best team and also dishes out 4.59 assists a game. With a 10-game run of scoring in double digits, Rudin will try to keep both his team's and his own streak alive.

Inside the Numbers: 18 — Points needed by Tufts junior co-captain Jon Pierce to tie former teammate Jake Weitzen (LA '08) for seventh on the Jumbos' career scoring list.



Derosa nominated for Concannon Award

DAILY FILE PHOTO

Sophomore forward Tom Derosa was among five NESCAC players named yesterday as semifinalists for the ninth Joe Concannon Award, given annually to the best American-born college hockey player in New England from Divs. II and III and presented by the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston. Derosa, who leads the men's hockey team with 12 goals and 20 points, joins fellow conference semifinalists Amherst senior defenseman Jeff Landers, Middlebury senior forward Jamie McKenna, Trinity senior defenseman Chris Diozzi and Conn. College junior Brett Moore on the list.

TRACK AND FIELD

Jumbos hope BU will be theirs at Valentine Invitational tomorrow

BY CARLY HELFAND
 Daily Editorial Board

The track and field regular season for Tufts features a number of low-key meets. But with the Valentine Invitational at BU kicking off this weekend for both the men's and women's teams, one thing is clear: It's time to gun it.

As the last meet before the championship season, which commences Feb. 20 with the New England Div. III Championships, the Valentine Invitational serves as an opportunity for teams to improve times and position themselves for upcoming meets.

"We really go out there and whether you're the top guy or the last guy, you're really just trying to run a PR," men's coach Ethan Barron said. "In some cases, that's a qualifier, in some cases it's a better seed time, and in some cases it's just a personal record for yourself, but we always just go out after that."

"Once you're in the heat of the championship season, you're getting the best competition in New England," women's coach Kristen Morwick added. "If you make a top heat, you're pretty much going to have a good performance. This is more just like to position ourselves better for the championships, and if NCAA qualifiers come out of it, it's a nice bonus. We're more looking at

'how do we configure things over the next couple of weeks?' This is the last week to better our performances."

The Valentine meet has historically featured solid showings from the Jumbos, who last year alone produced five NCAA provisional qualifiers and broke a 15-year-old school record between the men's and women's teams at the event.

"It's kind of developed into one of the premier meets on the East Coast," Barron said. "You get a lot of top-end [Div. I, Div. II, Div. III] talent, and just the combination of all that gives the meet an atmosphere that really helps people step it up."

"It's just better competition," Morwick added. "People fly in from all over the country to compete at this meet."

For the women, who took home a national championship in the distance medley relay (DMR) last winter, the meet will mark the debut of two relay teams that the Jumbos hope will qualify for Nationals in the 4x400 and the DMR. The 4x400 team will be made up of senior Halsey Stebbins, junior Logan Crane and sophomores Kaylee Maykranz and Andrea Caruth, while the DMR squad will likely include Stebbins, senior tri-captain Jackie Ferry and sophomores Stephanie McNamara and Amy Wilfert. For Morwick's team, the emphasis will be on perform-

ing well in these two events.

"We're not racing some people in open events so that if they're in relays, they come in fresh for relays," Morwick said. "I think we're trying to focus on relays to get better qualifying times. I think both those relays could hit [an NCAA provisional qualifier] this weekend."

The men, on the other hand, will head into the meet with a different outlook, with emphasis placed on succeeding in open events rather than on the relays.

"We'll hopefully try to run a couple of relays this weekend, but I don't think our relay teams are finalized in any way yet," Barron said. "There's so much left to the season as is. I mean, guys can earn a relay spot or lose a relay spot depending on how they run from this point on."

"A lot of our relay legs will be coming back off of other events and not running them fresh," Barron continued. "We hope to run some season bests, but the national qualifier is a tough mark to hit."

And while BU may be the perfect place to compete for some of the Jumbo runners, for others, it is less than ideal; the combination of the Terriers' facilities and the sheer size of the meet can prove problematic for athletes in certain events.

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