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## Inspectors evaluate condition of Lewis roof following student complaints

by **Arin Kerstein**  
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Lewis Hall is undergoing inspection by Tufts Facilities for cracks in the dormitory's roof, which will be replaced during the summer as a part of larger on-campus construction and renovation projects.

This week's inspection, which started Tuesday and ends today, follows a previous inspection conducted by Facilities of top-floor rooms in Lewis Hall on Sept. 24, according to an email from the Office of Residential Life and Learning (ResLife) that was sent to Lewis Hall residents.

One of the rooms inspected and photographed by Facilities personnel earlier this semester belongs to first-

year Clinton Hausman, who lives on the top floor of Lewis Hall.

Hausman said he first reported the cracks before arriving for Matriculation this fall using a Room Condition Report form — collected from all students who live on campus at the beginning of the year. Hausman said he did not realize the crack was a problem until the first significant rainfall of the semester.

"The first time it started to actually rain pretty bad, [the crack] started leaking," he said. "Not only was the crack leaking, [but the nearby] light started leaking. Another crack opened up above the light and then all of this black liquid was coming down onto [my] bed. It was really bad. It got everywhere."

Hausman explained that he immediately contacted his Resident Advisor (RA),

who brought in a representative from the university's maintenance team to help with the situation.

The representative from Facilities told Hausman that there was nothing that could be done while it was still raining. As a result, Hausman's bed was pushed next to his roommate's bed on the other side of the room for two days, while Hausman's side of the room under the ceiling crack was filled with trash bags and buckets to catch dripping water.

Hausman said that the inspector who checked his room mentioned that some work has been done on the exterior portion of the Lewis roof, but he is otherwise unaware of whether or not anything is being done to address the situation.

"I wish we knew more of what would

happen to the roof, like the status of how they're going to repair it," he said. "Every time it rains, I get scared that I have to run home and move my bed over before something happens."

According to Senior Director of Facilities Services Steve Nasson, though roof inspections are conducted regularly, it is possible for inspectors to overlook small cracks or holes because of their size. This can create leakage issues elsewhere in the building, he explained.

"When it rains, water can seep in, and what it does is find the path of least resistance, such as a hairline crack in the slab or a pipe penetration," he told the Daily in an email.

According to Nasson, Facilities has

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## Tufts Debate Society members win Yale IV debate tournament

by **Isha Fahad**  
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Members of the Tufts Debate Society won the Yale Inter-Varsity (IV) Debate Tournament, held at Yale University in New Haven, Conn. on Oct. 4. Two other members also reached the final round of the Harvard American Parliamentary Debate Association (APDA) Tournament last weekend.

First-years John Goulandris and Suntiparp Somsak placed first among the 40 novice first-year debate teams at the Yale IV Debate Tournament. According to Jeremy Chen, a junior in the Tufts Debate Society, the Yale IV tournament is one of the most prestigious British Parliamentary (BP) debate tournaments in the world, with teams flying in from Europe, Canada and all over the United States to participate.

"We are incredibly proud of their performance," Chen said.

Somsak said he was surprised by their first-place win.

"We went against and won [facing] teams from Dartmouth, Princeton, [University of Pennsylvania] and Harvard, if that means anything, but also were humbled — and defeated — by the ability of many 'less prestigious' schools," he said.

The two person team of Somsak and Goulandris was given 15 minutes to prepare for each topic, according to Goulandris. During that period, Somsak

and Goulandris were forbidden from accessing any news media; all arguments during debate had to rest on logic rather than evidence.

"The topics made me think more deeply about the beliefs that I had, such as my opinions on nationality, democracy and capitalism," he said.

Somsak said that he and Goulandris debated seven topics over the course of the tournament.

"All of the topics were very interesting; [they ranged] from the new Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank to whether American feminists should be obligated to vote [for] female candidates," Somsak said. "They pointed to key issues faced both by American society and the world at large, and challenged debaters to engage with them."

Both Somsak and Goulandris performed well throughout the tournament, according to James Latimer, a junior in the Tufts Debate Society, who also participated in the Yale IV tournament.



First-years Suntiparp Somsak and John Goulandris, novice winners of the Yale IV Debate tournament, pose for a portrait on the President's Lawn of Tufts's Medford campus on Monday, Oct. 13.

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"It wasn't one or two good rounds that took them to finals; it was performing consistently at a high level both of rhetorical skill and argumentation," Latimer said.

Somsak and Goulandris had both competed in debate before coming to Tufts, but Goulandris said he had not debated in the tournament's BP style before.

"Before my first tournament in British

Parliamentary debate, a form of debate alien to those who came out of American high school debate, my expectations [for winning] were not exactly earth-shattering," he said. "To state the obvious, our performance exceeded those expectations."

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## Tufts Debate Society members win top spots in Harvard and Yale debates

### DEBATE

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Goulandris added that it was Somsak's experience with BP that led the team to success.

"To be successful in BP, one should not only beat their opponent but make sure that the other team advocating for your side is unable to make new arguments," he said.

Chen and Latimer, who were representing Tufts in the varsity team at Yale, finished 20th overall among 152 teams, according to Chen.

"Latimer and I tied for the number of points needed to make the quarterfinal [top 16 teams], but lost out on tie-breaks," Chen said.

Somsak said Latimer and Chen spent hours helping to train Somsak, Goulandris and the other debate team members.

"We wouldn't even have a chance without them," he said.

At the Harvard APDA tournament last weekend, first-years Adam Rapfogel and Noah Weinfeld reached the final round of the Harvard tournament, the largest of the season with 159 teams.

Goulandris said that Rapfogel and Weinfeld's incredible argumentation and

biting pushed the team to new levels.

Sophomore James Latimer also finished as the seventh individual debater out of more than 300 debaters in Harvard tournament.

The Tufts Debate Society primarily competes in the American Parliamentary Debate Association (APDA) circuit, which includes around 50 universities, according to Chen.

"Every weekend there is a tournament based on the APDA format that features two teams competing against each other in a round," Chen said.

He said the debate society also competes in the BP format, which is the accepted international standard and the format in which the World Universities Debating Championships (WUDC) are held.

"BP features four teams in a debate round, two debating for a motion and two debating against [it]," Chen said. "At the end of a round, teams are ranked on the basis of their contribution... which includes how creative, original and well-articulated the arguments each team made were."

Debaters are divided into novice and varsity teams. A novice team has debat-

ers who are in their first year of college debate whereas varsity teams are comprised of debaters in their second year of their college debate career and beyond, according to Chen.

"Each weekend, novice and varsity teams compete against each other in a single pool, i.e. a novice team can face a varsity team," he said. "At the end of the tournament though, there are separate award categories for the best novice and varsity individual debaters and teams."

There are currently approximately 40 people in the Tufts Debate Society, according to Latimer.

"We have practices twice a week to prepare for upcoming competitions and we hold topic lectures to prepare people for debates on specific topics," he said. "One thing we do to encourage people is rotate debate partners in practice rounds often so that people learn from one another's strengths."

Chen said that this year the group has made it a point to foster interaction between varsity and novice members in both debate and social contexts.

"Our novice members regularly get to debate against varsity members in practice and receive feedback from varsity

members watching their practices as well," he said.

Twice a year in the debating league there are Professional Amateur (Pro-Am) debate tournaments, where a varsity team member competes with a novice team member, Chen said.

Tufts has a long tradition of doing well at these; at last year's Northeastern Pro-Am tournament, for example, two teams finished within the top 16, with one making it to the quarterfinals, according to Chen.

Chen said that this year's tryout class was the most talented ever and that the Tufts Debating Society is very pleased with its current roster of first-year debaters.

"We have been very impressed by the willingness of the freshmen to stay for extra practice rounds and to schedule extra practices on their own time," he said.

Goulandris said he is excited by the success that Tufts had at Yale IV.

"Our success at Yale reflected the growing strength of the Tufts program," he said. "As long as the school continues to back our program, a new generation of Tufts debaters will continue to make groundbreaking accomplishments."

## Renovation projects planned to improve on-campus housing conditions

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located a crack in Lewis Hall and filled it with a crack sealer.

"That seems to have done the trick in that area," he wrote. "We will continue to vigilantly inspect the membrane and patch as necessary."

Hausman said that he and his roommate are concerned about what will happen when it begins to snow on campus.

"What's going to happen when all the snow comes? Is the roof going to cave in on us?" he said. "We literally watched the crack get bigger...as it was raining more and more. We could see it growing, a new crack was forming across the whole room."

Students are also having issues with housing conditions in other residential facilities on campus. Senior Evelyn Kim, who lives on the third floor of Stratton House, said the bathroom on her floor has a broken shower door and a broken sink.

Earlier in the semester, the bathroom had two broken sinks, but one has since been fixed and the other is in the process of being fixed.

Kim said that she also experienced difficulties last year when living on the third floor of Carmichael Hall when a pipe burst in the building.

"There was a lot of snow on the roof and I think one of the pipes broke down, and water just started coming down," she said. "My whole room got drenched... ResLife relocated us and brought cleaning equipment. They helped clean the floors and get rid of water and stuff. I requested to move to another room and thankfully I was able to."

While Kim said that the repair process has been slow, she explained that her experience with ResLife has largely been positive, since ResLife has generally been responsive to housing problems.

"Whenever I've had a problem with my room, [ResLife has] been pretty cooperative," she said.

According to ResLife Director Yolanda King, on-campus housing facilities are currently in acceptable shape.

"We have had no issues with assign-

ing students to any of our current residence halls," she explained. "If there were any immediate issues during move in, the Facilities staff did respond as appropriate."

Nasson added that many residential buildings on campus have undergone significant renovations over the past three years.

Nasson explained that, since the summer of 2013, the bathrooms and common rooms of Wren Hall, Hodgdon Hall and Haskell Hall have been upgraded. Additionally, the Bush Hall roof was replaced, one wing of Latin Way had its carpeting replaced, Tilton Hall and Bush Hall underwent interior painting, Stratton Hall underwent Phase I of an exterior restoration project and exterior and interior restoration work was done at Richardson House, Carpenter House, 92 Professors Row, 42 Sawyer Ave. and Tousey House, according to Nasson.

He said that there are various planned construction projects for the summer of 2016, including the completion of Phase II of Stratton Hall's exterior restoration and Lewis Hall's roof replacement.

According to Nasson, the exterior envelope restoration and bathroom renovation work for Tilton Hall and Bush Hall are being planned for the summers of 2017 and 2018.

Nasson encouraged students to be the "eyes and ears in the dorms" for Facilities, by reporting issues through the university work order system, so that they can be properly addressed in a timely manner.

Dean of Student Affairs Mary Pat McMahon said that the process of evaluating current housing conditions can lend opportunities not only to make needed repairs, but also to explore options to increase effective utilization of space.

"Those of us who already look at the condition of housing look at where is there ordinary wear and tear, where is there opportunity to think about how space is used," she said. "When buildings are built in different decades, the idea about dorm life and what people are doing in a residential space looks different and...when we go to renovate them, we have to think



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Caution tape blocks off a broken sink stall in Stratton Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

about what's community space like now."

Vice President for Operations Linda Snyder said that on-campus housing is a university priority.

"As the place where much of our student life takes place, housing con-

stitutes about 20 percent of the total building square footage, which means a good amount of university staff time and financial resources are dedicated to the housing system," she told the Daily in an email.



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The Tufts-in-Tübingen program, which celebrated its 50th anniversary this weekend, provides an intensive German-language study abroad experience.

## Tufts-in-Tübingen program celebrates 50 years

by **Elise Westervelt**  
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Fifty years ago, Tufts brought four graduate students to Tübingen University in East Germany to take part in Tufts' first study abroad program. This past weekend, the Tufts-in-Tübingen program, which later expanded to focus on undergraduates, welcomed back to the Medford/Somerville campus 120 program alumni, ranging from the Class of 1969 to the Class of 2015, to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

The celebration took place on Saturday, Oct. 10 and Sunday, Oct. 11, and included a meet-and-greet with other alumni, a dinner and several panels and presentations.

Professor Sol Gittleman, the keynote speaker at the dinner on Saturday night, was one of the founders of the program. Gittleman had completed a Fulbright Scholarship in Tübingen in 1956, and when Tufts approached him a few years later about a study abroad program, he immediately suggested Tübingen as its location.

"The town was perfect," he said in an interview with the Daily. "Above all, they had a really good bunch of people on the German side who wanted to help and wanted more American universities involved. We were the first one there, and they grabbed us ... There was luck, a lot of luck, a lot of accident, a lot of serendipity, but it all came together."

Gittleman partially attributed the success of the program to the fact that the Tufts students attending Tufts-in-Tübingen were completely immersed in the German culture and language.

"We totally integrated [them] into the German system, and it was the right thing to do," he said.

According to the Program Resident Director Ute Link, the continued close collaboration between Tufts and the University of Tübingen has been a vital aspect of the program's success.

"What defines the program is that it was born from both Tufts University and the University of Tübingen," Link said.

"It's a combination of everyone who's involved."

One of those involved in this collaboration was Bob Asch, the first program director, who held the position for over 20 years, according to Gittleman.

"For more than half of the...[program's existence], the heart and soul of [it] was Bob Asch," Gittleman said in his speech on Saturday, drawing cheers and applause from the audience of alumni.

"[Asch] did everything you could hope a director would do in a [year abroad] for a kid," Gittleman said in an interview with the Daily. "[He was able] to make... American [kids] feel at home, [to] welcome and thoroughly [integrate them] into the German system."

After Asch passed away in 2001, Link, who had worked with Asch for years, moved into the Resident Program Director position.

"It was a natural transition," Gittleman said. "Everything [depends] on how your director [is], and we've had the best. We had Bob, and...now we've got Ute."

Senior Sara Fuhrman, who studied in Tübingen during the 2015 spring semester, spoke highly of Link.

"She was like a mother while I was abroad," she said. "If you have homesickness issues, Ute is the mother figure that you need to have when you're thrown into those new situations."

Today, Tufts students studying in Tübingen go through a two-month language orientation program, take classes in German and are given the opportunity to become involved in extracurricular activities and internships in Germany, according to Gittleman.

Fuhrman expressed an appreciation for the program's immersive approach.

"I think the ability to be completely immersed in the language was invaluable," she said.

Fuhrman explained that while her experience in Tübingen was an overwhelmingly positive one, it was not without its challenges. For Fuhrman, her internship at a German hospital contributed to her initial difficulties.

"At first I felt incompetent because of

the language barrier," she said. "We're not taught medical terms in German class."

A panel of program alumni spoke on Sunday about their experiences in Tübingen. From the Class of 1979 to the Class of 2012, all shared fond memories of their time in Tübingen.

"You come out of it fearless," Marian Swain (A'12) said in the panel discussion.

The other panelists agreed, sharing stories of their own newly discovered confidence and self-sufficiency.

Professor Doris Pfaffinger of the German department, who ran the weekend's event, said she organized the panel with these shared experiences in mind.

"We wanted a program that would foster exchange of these stories," she said. "The alumni came from...all over the United States to attend this two-day event. It just shows how they still feel strong bonds."

Throughout the weekend, it became clear that Tufts-in-Tübingen has had a long-lasting impact on its alumni, Gittleman explained.

"The 50th anniversary was attributed to the impact it made on these people's lives," he said. "The fact that we had 120 people at the dinner, and then they stayed for the whole next day too ... They wanted to see each other — they wanted to see us. This was life-changing ... You get a sense of how much it meant to them."

Pfaffinger echoed his sentiments.

"I didn't know that somehow all these [alumni] would come back and still feel so close...not just to Tübingen but also to the language and to the program," she said. "That, for me, made...the reunion... worthwhile."

The Tufts-in-Tübingen program is open to students who have taken at least two years of college-level German and meet the general study abroad eligibility requirements. Students can apply to study abroad in Tübingen for a full year or for just a semester.

"It's a family, in a way," Pfaffinger said of the Tufts-in-Tübingen alumni, faculty and former faculty. "An extended, large family."

**Miranda Willson**  
Ecofeminism for All



## The politics of public spaces

In great cities, spaces as well as places are designed and built: walking, witnessing, being in public, are as much part of the design and purpose as is being inside to eat, sleep, make shoes or love or music. The word citizen has to do with cities, and the ideal city is organized around citizenship — around participation in public life," Rebecca Solnit writes in "Wanderlust: A History of Walking."

I'm convinced that Solnit and I are soulmates. Her book is helping me understand exactly what I mean when I say I'm studying "urban policy and development." Solnit addresses city planning as a lover of communities, public spaces and grassroots movements. For her, all good cities must be walkable; they must possess street corners and squares for citizens to demonstrate, for street musicians to play, for spontaneous interactions to take place, for parades and processions and even for beggars and prostitutes to exist.

She also believes cities and public spaces must serve all inhabitants and visitors. Oftentimes, cities are built to serve the needs of straight, white, cisgender men, and anyone who exists outside this narrow spectrum is largely unwelcomed from public spaces: ridiculed, harassed, assaulted or arrested simply for existing.

Furthermore, many cities, especially newer ones, are often built around cars, rather than people, with the intention of minimizing traffic delays and making commutes easier. Some of the most obvious examples are Los Angeles and Detroit. In contrast, Paris, an old city with many streets that are too narrow for driving, was built largely for people, and consequently, has a long and continuing history of revolutions and demonstrations that take place on its public streets. The fact that Paris is both walkable and known for its political and social activism, Solnit argues, is no coincidence.

The very nature of the car keeps people separated from one another. Unlike public transportation, biking or walking, cars physically separate people from others in their community. Often one cannot even see other people in cars, making it impossible to form connections or feel empathy for one another. Sadly, many cities still lack public transportation — or some cities only have it in wealthier neighborhoods.

Capitalist societies place so much emphasis on private things and private spaces, like cars and homes and front lawns. In contrast, it perceives that public spaces encourage criminal activity, like begging and "loitering." But who really benefits from privatization, and who gets hurt?

As Karl Marx famously noted, the ideas of the ruling class are always the ruling ideas. Indeed, it seems our society values cars and private property, and devalues public spaces, in order to serve the ruling class — those who can afford cars and private housing, those who want to minimize the number of street corners and public spaces in order to reduce "criminal activities" in their cities.

It's time we started valuing public spaces, public transportation and everyone's right to them in every city. We need to listen to the voices of Black Lives Matter activists, to SlutWalkers and to all other social movements that demand their rights to public spaces and take back what should've been theirs all along.

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# A & L

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## What's Up This Weekend

The weekend is almost here! Here are some cool events on and around the Tufts campus that could give you a much-needed study break. Maybe bring your parents along:

### Screening of "Steve Jobs"

The Tufts Film series is sponsoring an advanced screening of "Steve Jobs," starring Michael Fassbender. The film opens nationwide on Oct. 23. The event is open to all Tufts students, faculty and staff with a Tufts ID. (Thursday at 7:30 at the Somerville Theater. Free admission. No tickets required.)

### The Rez's First Open Mic Night

Student singers, poets, stand-up comedians, freestylers and musicians will be performing this Thursday at The Rez. Coffee will be available for purchase! (Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at The Rez. Free admission. No tickets required.)

### Open Mic at "Crafts House"

The first in a monthly series, the Crafts House open mic caters to any talent level or skill set. Performers will have access to a PA system, amps and guitars. Sign-ups are still open. (Friday at 7 p.m. at Crafts House, located at 14 Professor's Row. Free admission. No tickets required.)

### Major: Undecided Presents: A Sensual Evening with Guy Fieri

Major: Undecided's first show of the semester takes place this weekend. According to the Facebook event, "A Sensual Evening with Guy Fieri [will be] filled with slow jams and big laughs ... You'll learn all about what it's like to feel sensuality at its essence with one of the biggest Food Network Stars there in spirit." (Friday at 10 p.m. in Barnum 008. Free admission. No tickets required.)

## SPOTLIGHT

# Dance rejuvenates Marian Woznica

by Josh Podolsky  
Executive Arts Editor

With all of the dancing junior Marian Woznica does, one would think she has something like Restless Leg Syndrome. On her Tufts application, she wrote that her first step was, in fact, a dance step. Her essay examined how dance breaks down barriers between people, a phenomenon with which Woznica had firsthand experience when she worked with refugees during high school. Dance helped ease tensions in the space, breaking down linguistic and cultural barriers, she said.

Woznica, who is studying international relations and history, spends a consider-

able amount of time honing and performing her craft.

"Particularly in my academic areas, I've found it difficult to balance an intense dance course load with the different academic activities I pursue," Woznica said. "I've dabbled in a lot of different things, but I haven't really found my dance niche."

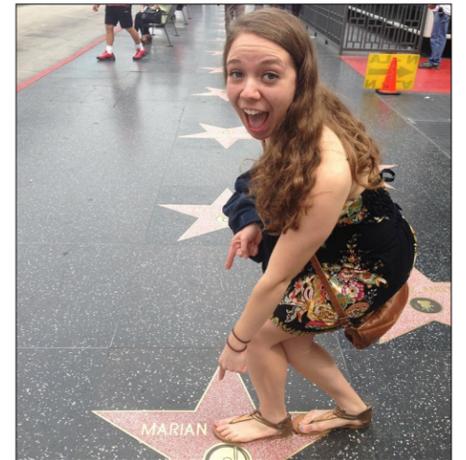
Although the interplay of her academic and dance pursuits can prove difficult at times, Woznica said that dance is always a rejuvenating outlet for her creativity and a way to cope with academic stress. The modern dance course she took in the fall semester of her sophomore year was incorporated a little bit of both.

Woznica has also appeared in Tufts Dance Collective, the spring 2015 production of "At

the Vanishing Point," by Tufts' umbrella student theater group Pen, Paint and Pretzels (3Ps), Tufts Tap Ensemble (which she insists is an extremely underrated club at Tufts) and, now, in Tufts Burlesque Troupe.

"I was in a duet of Orpheus and Eurydice," Woznica said, describing a scene in which she appeared in the 3Ps production. "I danced out a girl's death, which was kind of cool. Also a blind girl's vision of what it would be like to see and what her future would be. Getting to dance in Balch Theater, in the round, was really cool, because getting to dance with people 360 degrees around you isn't something you get to do in a performance environment all that often."

Keep an eye out for Woznica on campus stages throughout the semester.



COURTESY MARIAN WOZNICA

Woznica has pursued her dance endeavors in academic settings as well as through student community groups.

## Tufts University Department of Drama and Dance Explore our Spring 2016 Classes!

### Express yourself in theatre & film!

**How Do You Stage That?:** DR 94-01, T/Th

**NEW! Black Theatre Workshop:** DR 94-02, M/W

**Tai Ji Quan:** DR 94-04/DNC 92-03, M/W

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**Producing for Film:** DR 152, Tues

**NEW! Practicum in Film Editing:** DR 94-09, Wed



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**Acting I:** DR 10, 3 sections M/W and T/Th

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**20<sup>th</sup>-Century American:** DNC 81, T/Th

**Studies in Dance Composition:** DNC 117, Fri

**Dance Movement & Creative Process:** DNC 71, M/W

### Uncover your inner techie & designer!

**Costume Technology:** DR 16, Thurs

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**Stage Management:** DR 25, Mon

**Set Design:** DR 125, Wed

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## ARTS & LIVING

### TOP 10

## Top 10 reasons everyone should watch 'Gilmore Girls'

by **Merilla Michael**  
Assistant Arts Editor

Almost exactly 15 years ago, a beloved TV show premiered its first episode. Even though "Gilmore Girls" (2001-2007) has been off the air for several years, its presence on Netflix — as well as on cable, thanks to ABC Family reruns — has made it easy for the series to constantly gain new fans. There are so many great things about "Gilmore Girls," and everyone should watch it in its entirety at some point in their lives, no matter how long it takes to get through all seven seasons. It was difficult to narrow this list down to just 10, but these are the main reasons "Gilmore Girls" holds a special place in the hearts of its fans and why anyone who hasn't seen it should start watching immediately.

**1. It's such a fall show.** Stars Hollow, Conn., where the show is set, is the epitome of a quaint New England town if there ever was one. Beautiful fall foliage abounds — even though the show was shot on sets in California. Plus, fall is all about the transition from summer to winter and the thematically, "Gilmore Girls" frequently deals with difficult transitions in life. And, really, who among us can't relate to that?

**2. "Where You Lead."** By the third episode, you will have the theme song — Carole King's infectious "Where You Lead" (1970) — memorized and will be singing it loud and proud to the annoyance of everyone around you. Belting out lines like "Where you lead, I will follow / Anywhere that you tell me to" just never gets old.

**3. Stars Hollow.** This little village is the cutest fictional town to ever exist. It's small enough that everyone knows each other, and you can't walk through the town center without running into several friends, neighbors or random acquaintances, which makes for entertaining interactions. You get to meet all the lovely residents, who make you want to move there forever. It's also the home of Luke's Diner, which is enough to make anyone want to move there.

**4. The characters are all just so human.** They all make mistakes, but we can't help but

love them anyway. Nobody is purely good or bad — instead, everyone possesses both positive and negative traits. The writers created fully-developed characters who grow immensely over the course of the show. No relationship or friendship is static.

**5. And relatable.** Because of the wide range of personalities on the show, it's hard to find a character we can't identify with or who doesn't remind us of one of our friends. There is the smart, yet naive character, the unintentionally hilarious one and the character who is just so done with everyone around them.

**6. Lorelai Gilmore.** Lorelai, played by Lauren Graham, and her daughter, Rory (Alexis Bledel), are our lovable protagonists. Lorelai cares about Rory more than anything and will do everything she can to help her reach her dream of going to Harvard. She had Rory when she was a teenager and raised her as a single mom, never asking for help from the father, Christopher (David Sutcliffe), or her wealthy parents, Emily and Richard (Kelly Bishop and Edward Herrmann). Despite not always making the best decisions, Lorelai is independent and strong-willed and makes sure to always be there for Rory.

**7. Rory Gilmore.** Speaking of Rory, she is simultaneously the most lovable and annoying character on the show. She is kind to a fault, but tends to be a pushover no matter how loudly you yell at the TV screen. Throughout the series, you get to see Rory through high school and college. You see her grow up, and it almost feels as if she's your little sister — part of your family in the least creepy way possible. You see her become more independent and even resemble Lorelai by the end of the series, which gives the series a feeling of resolution.



Lauren Graham and Alexis Bledel starred as mother-daughter duo Lorelai and Rory Gilmore in the beloved series "Gilmore Girls."

**8. Kirk Gleason.** The funniest character on the show is, no doubt, Stars Hollow resident Kirk (Sean Gunn). It's hard to explain Kirk, except to say that he is basically the weird uncle of the Stars Hollow family. Everything he does is hilarious, and so his presence is a nice reprieve from the familial and romantic drama that comes with the Gilmore girls.

**9. Rory's independence.** (Warning: major spoilers ahead) Rory has multiple boyfriends on the show, including Logan (Matt Czuchy), who she dates in the show's final seasons. The show ends, however, with Rory's graduation from Yale and her rejection of Logan's marriage proposal. This was a much-applauded step for Rory, who had a tendency to let her relationships have a disproportionately large influence on her decisions — academic or otherwise. Though fans still dispute which boyfriend was the best for Rory, what really matters is that, ultimately, she forges her own path and doesn't tie herself down to a man.

**10. The mother-daughter relationship.** Last, but certainly not least: the relationship between Rory and Lorelai is the most compelling part of the show. They are not only mother and daughter but are also each other's best friends. They understand each other better than anyone in the world. The two Gilmore girls are always there for each other — even when they fight (and fight they do). Their relationship is an inspirational and emotional one and stands as one of the best to ever grace a television screen.

### ARTSY NUGGET

## The Daily Arts section joins Cymbal

by **Anjali Nair**  
Arts Editor

If you're one of the tech-savvy folks who have been keeping up with the latest trends in social media, you've probably heard of Cymbal, an up-and-coming music discovery app created by former Tufts students Gabriel Jacobs (A'15), Amadou Crookes (A'15) and Mario Gomez-Hall (A'15). Often referred to as Instagram for music, the app lets users share the songs and artists they're into with all their friends. Scrolling through the Cymbal newsfeed, users can see high-quality images of album artwork and listen to the shared songs.

We at the Daily Arts section strive to be the hippest members of the Tufts

Daily community and, thus, have created our very own Cymbal account! It is our hope that we'll be able to use the app in a wide variety of ways, from sharing the albums we review, to highlighting upcoming concerts in the Boston area. It's hard for readers to engage with reviews when they are unfamiliar with the music being discussed, so adding an auditory component should make engagement a lot easier. Furthermore, there are a multitude of exciting musical events that we are not able to cover, which we can easily share on Cymbal with a click.

Recently, the Cymbal team has made a push to involve college communities by creating its College Radio vertical, where student DJs from various stations — like Middlebury's WRMC,

Yale's WYBC, UT Austin's KVRX and Tufts' own WMFO — can share their tastes and radio shows. According to the Cymbal creators, College Radio vertical is a conscious effort to include more alternative and emerging music on their app, since college radio historically has popularized many artists. We have a similar goal of including more local and underground artists, so we'll also be sharing the music of bands who are coming to Tufts through DIY student booking groups like Applejam and Midnight.

Since this is all a work in progress, we would love any suggestions from the Tufts community about how to better our venture onto Cymbal. In the meantime, go follow us on Cymbal @dailyarts!

**Lara LoBrutto**

Sinoscope



## Coiling around the core of the essay

As a Tufts Writing Fellow, I recently met with a Chinese student to discuss her paper for a social science class. I was struck by the language she had used, which was more engaging than what I am used to seeing in academic papers, cushioned with metaphors and humor. It took me a couple reads to realize that she had not exactly addressed the prompt and skirted around the main point.

I found myself torn about how to proceed. I knew it was not the Chinese way to address a topic head-on. It is customary to "weirao" (coil around) the issue at hand. I was hesitant to "correct" her. Who was I to say that her stylistic choice was not valid, especially when it had such personality?

This summer, I myself had an experience in which encircling an idea, rather than approaching it head-on, solved a roadblock I had encountered. During my program in China, I spent a week in the countryside of Anhui province conducting social studies research on women's roles in modern-day rural China. I began with direct questions that seemed more appropriate when I formulated them on paper in the classroom than when I directed them at a person.

I almost abandoned my idea altogether when I met a woman, standing inconspicuously alongside the road of a village I was visiting, who restored my hope. I introduced myself, and we talked under my umbrella about the difficulty of finding work in rural areas and about her economic struggles. We covered a lot of ground before approaching the topic I really wanted to discuss: her experience as a woman. Even then, I didn't ask the blunt questions I had originally intended to ask. Instead, I asked about her mother: what she was like, what she had taught her, how her life had been different from her own. I learned that day that the most direct path is not always the most effective.

Back in Brown and Brew, I suggested that the student minimize, but not erase, the metaphorical language that she had used in her paper and focus more on the actual content. She was reluctant to part with what she had written, and, honestly, so was I. She had clearly taken time to consider how to approach the issue, rather than spitting it out at the start. She had given the reader time to adjust, get a feel for the temperature, before diving into unknown waters. Isn't that something we should all be doing as writers?

We do, yes, when it falls into the box labeled "creative." This article, for example, begins with an anecdote, not a thesis that outlines precisely what I am about to say. In academic papers, however, American students often fall into the trap of stating the point and stating the point only. Many high schools teach writing in this highly formulaic way, so it is no surprise that students forget that creativity is also permitted.

Maybe surrounding the main idea in a circular motion is just another form of a formula. Even so, a road that winds around a mountain can have more variety than one that cuts straight through; likewise, an indirect path to the core of a paper allows the writer to make more choices along the way.

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## PINION

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

On Oct. 13, a Jumbo Beat blog post called "The Perks of Dating a Foreign Student" was published. It has since been removed due to its offensive content.

This piece exoticized whole portions of Tufts' student body. It was blatantly exclusionary in the audience it sought to address — namely, domestic students with U.S. citizenship. It cast international students as curiosities and learning opportunities for the audience in question rather than as full members of the Tufts community. It used the experience of living in the U.S. as an undocumented person as a punchline. In short, it was wholly unacceptable, and there is no excuse for its having appeared on any-

thing that bears the name of a publication that strives to respectfully represent and inform everyone who studies, works and lives on Tufts' campuses.

I deeply regret that this piece was ever able to see the light of day, and I sincerely apologize to everyone at Tufts — but especially international students and undocumented students — for its publication.

Jumbo Beat is the official blog of the Tufts Daily. As such, the Daily's Editorial Board is as responsible for its content as we are for the content that appears in our print papers and on our main website. Unfortunately, as a relatively recent addition to the Daily, Jumbo Beat has never been properly assimilated into our

editorial workflow. This has allowed posts to be published without being subject to the highest level of editorial supervision under which all of our other articles fall — that is, my own supervision and editing or that of the Managing Board.

I am embarrassed that I've allowed this egregious structural flaw to persist in spite of the obvious problems it poses to the integrity and consistency of the Daily. No new content will appear on Jumbo Beat until it is resolved.

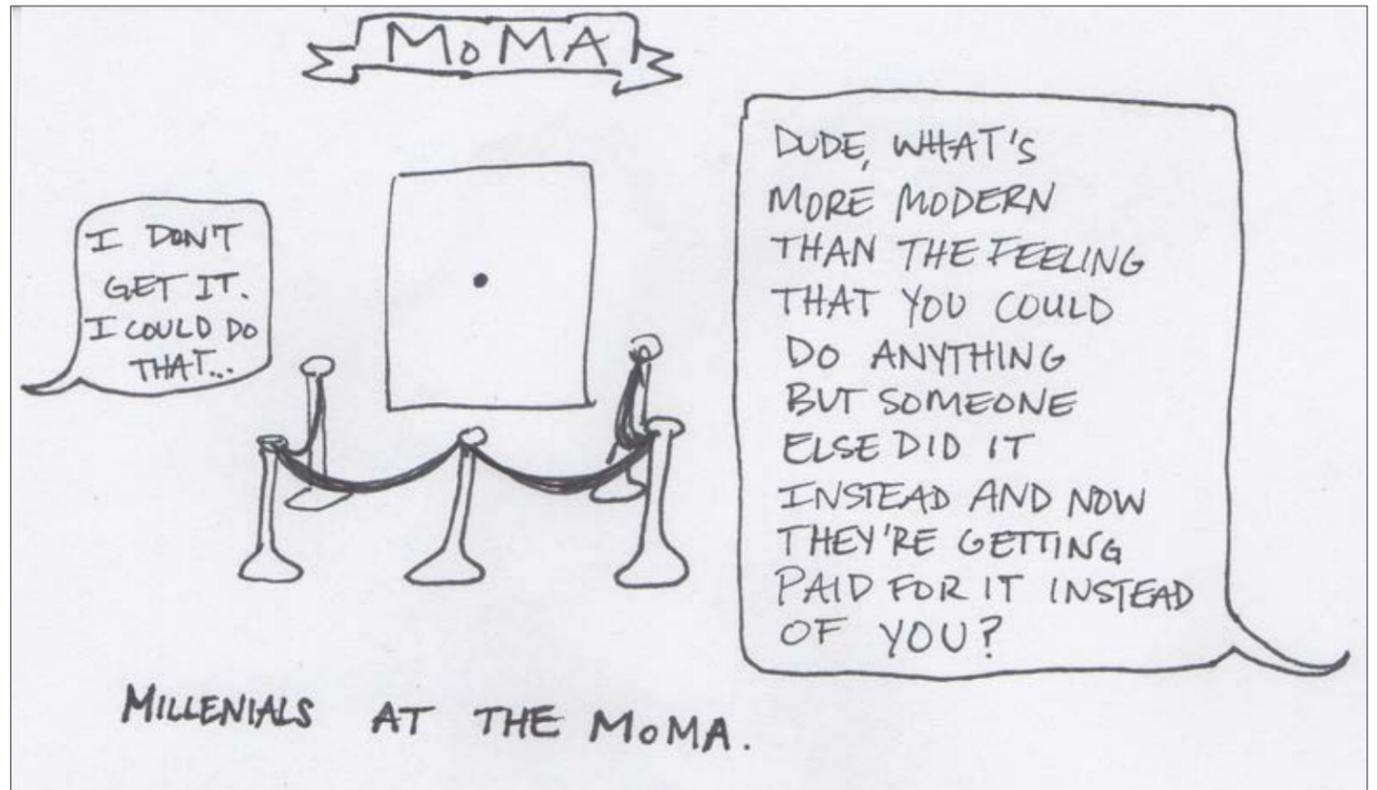
I encourage you to contact me with your questions, concerns and anger at [thetuftsdaily@gmail.com](mailto:thetuftsdaily@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Joe Palandrani

## EDITORIAL CARTOON

BY ALLIE MEROLA



# O OPINION

OP-ED

## Tufts in our Community: Symbiosis or Cancer?

by Edward Beuchert

An Open Letter to Tufts University President Anthony Monaco and the Board of Trustees

At its best, Tufts University contributes to its Somerville and Medford host communities by opening events and exhibits to the public, hosting the annual Community Day, permitting use of some facilities to local groups, allowing residents to audit one class a semester at a discounted rate, providing student volunteers for youth projects, broadcasting WMFO non-commercial radio, injecting greater diversity into our neighborhood and paying a well-publicized but relatively meager monetary payment in lieu of taxes.

Tufts has grown significantly over the years, and as is well documented by numerous Tufts Daily articles, created a number of seemingly metastasizing problems. Over the last three decades in particular, the University has expanded into our surrounding neighborhood, buying up residential property and turning homes into tax-exempt academic property. With each Tufts acquisition, its residential neighbors have to make up the difference by paying more in taxes to accommodate the University's growth and suffer significant other problems too. As then-Tufts President Jean Mayer famously proclaimed in a Tufts Daily article on April 26, 1988, "Although some people don't like it we will continue to buy surrounding houses and land to expand" as well as expressing his desire to "find ways of housing students without housing them on University land."

But with its aggressive expansion, the University has exceeded the carrying capacity of both its own facilities and our surrounding neighborhood. A Tufts Daily article "Over-enrollment at Tufts: fact or fiction?" in the Sept. 25, 2014 issue explained that "overcrowding is becoming a real problem in all aspects of campus life, including dining halls." Then-sophomore Amanda Danielson stated "I have had to sit on the floor at some point during [a quarter] of all my college classes because there weren't enough seats for all of the enrolled students ... It can also be a challenge to find seats in the dining hall at peak hours. On really popular nights, I've had to wait in line for over 15 minutes and I've had to sit on the stage."

Housing is an even more critical emergency. Since 1985, Tufts has increased its undergraduate enrollment by about 1,000 students, from 4200 to 5177, while building only two new dormitories (South Hall completed in 1991 and Sophia Gordon Hall in 2006) which offer a mere 493 total beds. No new student housing has been built recently, so the overpopulation problems are worsening, and yet the Tufts administration continues to increase enrollment every year. A Sept. 30, 2015 Tufts Daily article titled "Limited space puts incoming students in overflow housing" summarized the current situation quite well. Without a new dormitory in nine years, all the extra students have been forced to somehow find rooms somewhere off campus. Earlier this year, Tufts brazenly attempted to purchase the 40-unit residential apartment building at 119 College Avenue. Somerville officials and citizens alike were outraged that not



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only was the University trying to convert a large off-campus residential apartment building to Tufts housing, but had actually applied for taxpayer-funded assistance to do so. In one of the few victories for our community, the University backed down from that purchase in the face of the strong opposition.

While a few families have moved away and had their homes converted to student rentals, it's clear that the housing emergency has created an opportunity for unscrupulous absentee "investor" landlords to illegally expand their properties to house Tufts students. It's extremely lucrative! Just ask Tufts alum Vasileios "Bill" Gianoukos (A '98), one of those prosecuted by Somerville for illegal occupancy violations. Evidence that compelled Bill to admit his guilt in Somerville District Court on March 18, 2015 to Judge Maurice Flynn included leases from his dissatisfied former tenants. Tufts students realize they're getting ripped off and paying outrageous rents for substandard housing, but they're forced into dealing with exploitative slumlords by the administration's decision to admit ever-increasing numbers of students. Current off-campus rentals have risen to about \$10,000 per student per year, so a landlord who packs an extra four tenants in reaps \$40,000 of additional income annually — more money than the University pays some of the people who work on its campuses...

There are many problems associated with these illegal rooming houses. Safety is one issue: Let's not forget the tragic death of Tufts junior Wendy Carman, who died in her garage apartment when a fire broke out in 2003. Wendy's illegally occupied a Medford loft rental had only a single entrance / exit, a direct violation of the building code. Or in 2013, when BU student Binland Lee, who died when she was trapped in her illegal attic bedroom during a fire.

Far more frequently, the illegal occupancies lead to increased sanitation problems and noise disturbances. The ongoing rat infestation that broke out in 2011 spread from the western side of the Tufts campus into the surrounding residential area because the rats found easy access to food primarily through poor garbage disposal practices. Volunteers from the West Somerville Neighborhood Association identified over-occupied student house-

holds as the source of much open food waste. Noise disturbances are a significant headache for residents. When an absentee "investor" landlord converts every available room into a bedroom and there's insufficient common space inside, late night recreational activities move outside onto the back porches and yards, even in cold weather. The biggest neighborhood problems typically come from the same over-occupied slum houses year after year. While neighbors are certainly concerned about student safety, those who pressed Somerville officials to prosecute the recent rooming house cases persisted in their efforts for years because particular properties continued to be loud and filthy nuisances.

The Tufts administration's pursuit of unrelenting enrollment growth has created this housing emergency. Going back two years, a Nov. 7, 2013 Tufts Daily article titled "Competition pressures students to sign leases for off-campus housing early" began, "This year, the scramble to find off-campus housing started even earlier than in previous years, with many students signing leases for next year starting as early as the beginning of September. Students have noted that the level of panic among students about finding off-campus housing seems even higher than last year at this time." Not surprising, given that Tufts had increased its first-year enrollment to 1318 without expanding its student housing! The next year, in 2014, the number of first-years was further increased to 1352. Following that, this year's 2015 incoming class contains 1360 students. There simply is no room on or off campus to house all these extra students. Tufts needs to dramatically cut back enrollment — and absolutely not grow it!

President Monaco, you're an accomplished biologist. Certainly you realize that when an organism that depends on a host grows uncontrollably, there are, as Gore Vidal pointed out, only three possibilities: the host dies, the dependent organism dies or both die...

Sincerely,  
Edward Beuchert

*Edward Beuchert is a co-founder and current board member of the West Somerville Neighborhood Association (<http://WestSomerville.org>) who has lived with his family on Conwell Avenue for 17 years.*

Kevin Lawson

The Tufts Daily Show



## Conservatives: Boehner too soft

**R**ight wing: JOHN BOEHNER IS BAD!  
Democrats: Yeah, cool, I think we're on the same page on this one.  
Right wing: DOWN WITH BOEHNER!

Democrats: Yeah! Down with him!  
Right wing: A REAL REPUBLICAN INSTEAD!  
Democrats: Wait. Wait, wait, wait. Nevermind. We take it back. Boehner is fine. Guys?

Right wing: TOO LATE! GOVERNMENT MUST GO! CITIES WILL BE RUN BY THE MAN WHO CAN SHREAM THE LOUDEST AAAAAAOOAAHHHHHHHHH!

That's kind of the conversation transpiring in the House of Representatives, as pressure from the right flank has compelled Speaker of the House John Boehner to resign. Boehner has scheduled his departure for Oct. 30, which can't be a coincidence. You don't just coincidentally leave your job the day before Halloween. Not when you finally have an opportunity to wear that "slutty Speaker of the House" outfit that everyone complained about at work (honestly, if you're not going to let people dress casually, stop calling it casual Friday).

A recent Republican campaign against Planned Parenthood has left the party torn, as those labeling the organization "super duper horrible" have come under fire from those, like the House Freedom Caucus, labeling it "super duper duper horrible." After Boehner hinted that he might not shut down the government in protest of federal funding for Planned Parenthood, the House Freedom Caucus pounced. Here's the thing they're missing: Boehner is the second of 12 children. I promise, no one in the Boehner household uses contraceptives, let alone supports abortion. Their family tree is like something out of "Avatar" (2009).

Republican scorn for Planned Parenthood comes despite the breakdown of its services being 34 percent contraception, 42 percent STD treatment and three percent abortion. Asked to comment on this breakdown, the House Freedom Caucus issued the following press release: "While we are aware that 97 percent of Planned Parenthood services are non-abortion health services, we maintain that 'boys rule, and girls drool', so we stand by our position to defund." So much has been put into legislative writing in bill S.1881, named for the last year it might have been popularly supported.

The thorn in the Republican Party's side is 30 to 40 extreme conservatives, and they're not extreme in the cool way, like the X-Games, or doing 'shrooms, or (OMG YO) both at the same time??? Extreme in the sense that they think the U.S. government is a Nintendo 64, and if it's ever acting screwy, you can fix it by just turning it off and turning it on again.

Former vice-presidential candidate Paul Ryan, perhaps the last hope for the torn Republicans, has steadfastly shut down requests to serve as Speaker, recognizing that the position involves bipartisan dialogue, a.k.a. politics-cooties. He has dodged, ducked, dipped, dived and dodged again Boehner's pleas, saying he's grateful for the support he's received, but that the Speakership is "a good job for an empty-nester." Unfortunately for Boehner, Ryan has three children and two amazing biceps to spend time with at home.

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COMICS

LATE NIGHT AT THE DAILY

Alison: "When I look at eyes, it makes me really upset because I think of Gushers, and then I can't eat Gushers."



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Difficulty Level: Staying awake during late-night study at Tisch.

Wednesday's Solution

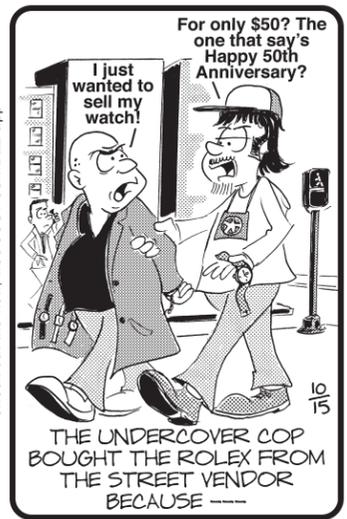
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's Jumbles: TRACK WHARF ENCORE METRIC  
 Answer: The sofa the dog slept on was in rough shape because of all the — WEAR AND "TERRIER"

NON SEQUITUR

BY WILEY MILLER



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 5 Like many a rural road  
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 14 Ancient concert halls  
 15 Music industry underhandedness  
 16 Call from a pasture  
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 20 Morning beverage choice, facetiously  
 21 Dye source  
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 24 Fla.-to-Cal. route  
 26 Former CNN host Alina  
 29 They're loaded  
 34 Terra firma  
 36 Wedding announcement word  
 37 Poet \_\_ St. Vincent Millay  
 38 One who may need an alibi  
 39 Bar closing hr.  
 41 Energy source  
 42 Mediterranean tourist attraction  
 43 Alley target  
 44 Give an address  
 45 They're loaded  
 49 Some ranges  
 50 Crown of light  
 51 UFO-tracking org.  
 53 Carl Reiner's nine  
 56 Take care of  
 60 Eastern way  
 61 They're loaded  
 64 Jungfrau, for one  
 65 Leveling tool  
 66 Carrier with only kosher meals  
 67 Grant foe  
 68 Vacation destination  
 69 Long ride

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 2 Role in the 2011 film "Thor"  
 3 "Little" Dickens girl  
 4 Olympic \_\_  
 5 "The Blacklist" star  
 6 Woke up  
 7 Looked up and down  
 8 Neither partner  
 9 Stevedore's gp.  
 10 Left the tables for the night, with "in"  
 11 "Let's do it!"  
 12 Blessing  
 13 Pulitzer poet Van Duyn  
 18 \_\_ of the day: menu offering  
 22 Make lovable  
 24 Furniture store that sells frozen meatballs  
 25 Swarm  
 26 69-Across user  
 27 "The Pearl of the Antilles"  
 28 Sumatran simian  
 30 Upright  
 31 Attachment seen on a carousel  
 32 100 bucks  
 33 Furniture designer  
 35 Charles Interior

By Marti DuGuay-Carpenter

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Wednesday's Solution

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- 56 "It came surprise"
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- 63 Symbolic kisses



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## S SPORTS

# Jumbos look forward to 6000-meter race at Conn. College course

### WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

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what points we needed to shift gears. That made a huge difference in being able to run a smart and controlled race."

The hallowed 5000-meter course at Franklin Park includes three loops, each with varying difficulty: the first is run around a stadium, the second takes runners up a 57-meter long hill called Bear Cage Hill and the third sees them run through a trail known as "The Wilderness."

"The Wilderness' loop's trail after mile two made it feel like there was more than a mile left to go in the race, and at that point, I was definitely starting to hurt," Wagner said. "I tried to focus on my form while in the woods, and really

crank out a strong finish as soon as we got out into the open."

Stokesbury explained that the team's approach changed because of the massive size of the field.

"Everyone went out trying to run their own race, but once the race started, we tried to find teammates...and run together and push each other," Stokesbury said. "I went out a lot harder than [I expected] and tried not to get caught in the middle of the race, but my shin injury, [which] has been recurring for the last few weeks, affected the second half of my race a lot."

The entire Jumbos squad has had an impressive two weeks. Last weekend, the varsity team defeated highly ranked NESCAC foes Williams and Middlebury

at Paul Short to earn a U.S. No. 3 ranking by USA Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. The JV team made a some noise of its own by taking second at Open New England and being the first Div. III team to cross the line.

"The JV squad ran an awesome race," Stokesbury said. "It was definitely a very impressive team effort, and we crushed it."

Next weekend, the full team will be competing at the annual Connecticut College Invitational, held at Harkness Memorial State Park. The Conn. College course is also the site of this year's NCAA Div. III New England Regional, so the field will be loaded with top-tier teams looking for a mid-season course preview.

"Our plan is to have everyone run the best race that they can, and we know that will lead to great things because we have an amazing group of runners," Stokesbury said.

This mindset lines up with Wagner's goals for the weekend, as this will be her first 6000-meter race ever.

"I'm hoping to use last week's race as a foundation for a strong performance in the [6000-meter]," she said. "I'd love to run the same [5000-meter] and then just rely on some good old stubbornness to keep me going strong in the last kilometer."

If their performances over the last few weeks are any indication, then the Jumbos will be ready to continue their strong showing on the season this weekend.

### FOOTBALL PREVIEW

# Tufts hopes to improve to 4-0 against Trinity in Saturday game

by **Eddie Samuels**  
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Following their homecoming victory over Bowdoin, 3-0 Tufts is looking to carry the momentum into a tough game against Trinity at home on Saturday in what should be a physical affair. Both teams are undefeated on the season.

"There's obviously areas we need to improve in," Coach Jay Civetti said. "Trinity is as good a team as anyone. They're well-coached, and I have a lot of personal knowledge of how the program exists, just being an alum. Obviously, I think very highly of what they do. They have excellent team speed. They're a physical football team, and they've had a lot of success historically."

Trinity's defense has been nearly impenetrable this season; they have yet to allow a single point on the season.

"Their defense has not been scored on," Civetti said. "They've given up a safety and a blocked PAT for a two-point conversion."

Yet Tufts is not daunted by this statistic, and appears ready to take on the stifling Trinity defense. The Jumbos are hoping to not only be the first team to score on the defense, but the team that fights them just as physically.

"I give all the credit in the world to Trinity and their coaching staff," running backs coach Tom Beaton said. "They've done a great job defensively this year, but as a competitor, the fact that they haven't given up a point on defense [is] a pretty fun challenge for our offense this week and I think that's something we're certainly going to embrace."

With a tough offensive line and a successful running game, the ground is the first angle of attack for the Jumbos this Saturday. The team will look to junior running back Chance Brady, who has already rushed for 289 yards and five touchdowns this season.

"We're going to continue to run the ball," Civetti said. "We're very confident in the run game. We need to challenge them vertically. Those are the two things we do well. That's been the game plan for the last two weeks, and that'll be the game plan for week four."

While the Jumbos have played three close games this season, they credit their landslide victory against the Polar Bears last Saturday to the home crowd. With close to 5,500 fans watching the Tufts homecoming game, the energy was palpable for the team. The Jumbos



Tufts sophomore QB Mike McLaughlin works to maintain his footing after a Bowdoin player's tackle attempt in the Homecoming game on Saturday, Oct. 10. EVAN SAYLES / TUFTS DAILY ARCHIVE

are looking to capitalize on their home field advantage again this Saturday.

Adapting to being undefeated has been exciting for the Jumbos, who have not started out with three straight wins since 2007. However, this also poses some difficulties for the team.

"Being 3-0 brings a new challenge," Civetti said. "I mean, obviously it's exciting, but at the same time, managing your emotions that way and controlling your excitement is another step."

While the Jumbos will be looking to their offense to continue with their high-intensity tempo — as they have

the first three weeks of the season — the Bantams will no doubt continue to look to their defense to step up and shut down the Jumbos' offense. The defensive stars for Trinity this season have been senior defensive back Paul McCarthy, who leads the NESCAC with four interceptions, and first-year linebacker Shane Libby, who has notched 2.5 sacks on the year.

Improving to 4-0 is part of a bigger goal for Tufts, which is currently in contention for the NESCAC championship.

"It should be the way [everyone] wants it," Civetti said. "You have two

3-0 teams, and for us, obviously being at home is a huge advantage. We've got a lot of confidence here and we're excited to play in front of our home crowd; it's an environment we've had a lot of success in. This game's been won in overtime, this game's been won by a point. This is a game you don't forget. I don't forget the four games I played against Tufts as a player."

With a win over Trinity, Tufts would be one step closer to its goal. This Saturday's game is shaping up to be one of the most important, and physical, games in the conference this season.

## WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

## Jumbos JV squad takes second at Open New Englands

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On a beautiful Saturday afternoon, the women's JV cross country team traveled a few miles down the road to Franklin Park for the annual New England Intercollegiate Amateur Athletic Association Championships, colloquially known as Open New Englands. The team, which was resting the 10 members who ran at the Paul Short Invitational last weekend, fared well, scoring 52 points, second only to the JV team of Div. I Boston College. Temperatures hovered around 60 degrees with almost no wind, ideal conditions for a mid-October cross country race.

Senior Sydney Smith led the stampede, taking fourth overall in the 5000-meter race with a time of 18:53.55. She improved by 28 seconds from the Codfish Bowl, held Sept. 26 on the same course, where she ran 19:20. First-year Kelsey Tierney and senior Lily Corcoran crossed the line close to each other, running 19:06.08 and 19:09.30 for 10th and 11th overall, respectively. Both improved by over 25 seconds from their last Franklin Park race, in which they also crossed the line in quick succession of each other.

First-years Clara Wagner and Julia Noble also took advantage of pack running, crossing the line within two tenths of a second of each other. Wagner crossed first in 19:22.05 for 18th overall (an 18-second improvement from her last Franklin Park race), while Noble crossed next in 19:22.63



JUNIOR LINDSAY ATKESON RACES PAST A PACK OF RUNNERS DURING A NOV. 22, 2014 RACE. THE JV WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM FARED WELL AT OPEN NEW ENGLAND'S THIS PAST WEEKEND. COURTESY ALYSSA RIVAS

for 19th overall (a 48-second improvement). Rounding out Tufts' top seven were sophomores Prudence Sax, who ran 19:36.09 for 33rd overall, and Sara Stokesbury, who took 39th overall in 19:42.21. On average, Tufts' top five runners improved by 29.4 seconds on the same course in just a few weeks.

"Going in, I wanted to focus on run-

ning good splits — I tried to split up the race into miles and focus on taking them one at a time, each one stronger than the [last]," Wagner said. "Having already run the course, we had a better idea of...how to run it. We knew not to go out too fast, where to push, and at

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## TENNIS

## Tufts impresses at Wallach Invitational

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While the rest of the Tufts student body was cheering on other athletic teams at homecoming this past weekend, the men's tennis team traveled to Bates to compete at the Wallach Invitational. Tufts boasted seven singles and doubles semi-finalists, with first-year Chris Jones making it all the way to the D singles final before losing 6-2, 6-0 to first-year Grant Urken of Bowdoin.

"As it was my first collegiate tournament, I tried to come in without any expectations, with the intention of just focusing on improving my game and gaining experience," Jones said.

Though Jones made it further than the other Jumbos, he wasn't the only one who

performed well this weekend. Junior Ben Battle, senior tri-captain Rob Jacobson, sophomore Zain Ali and senior Jay Glickman all advanced to the semi-finals in singles competition, while Jacobson and first-year Ross Kamin made it to the semis in the doubles bracket, along with Jones and Ali.

"I was obviously disappointed I didn't end up winning the tournament, but [I was glad] I played the type of tennis I wanted to play," Jacobson said. "I played very aggressively and took my opportunities when they were there."

His individual performance was nearly stellar; both Jacobson's first round against Middlebury sophomore Timo van der Geest and his quarterfinal victory against Amherst first-year Jesse Levetin were tough wins that he had to grind out.

"I take both those wins seriously as positive signs [of] moving forward and definitely don't take them for granted," Jacobson said. "[The Tufts team] is very deep. The level of play that all the guys on the team can produce is very high quality".

Senior tri-captain Nick Cary echoed that sentiment.

"As a team, I think we improved from an attitude stand-

point, and it showed in our singles results, as a lot of guys had some really good wins," Cary said.

While the Jumbos did not compete in traditional team-scoring, the ability to match up against future conference foes gave them an opportunity to gauge their fitness and strategies against opponents that they will likely meet in the spring. The high quality play of first-years, in particular Jones and Kamin, bodes well for the team going forward.

"I think we now realize how...tough and gritty we are," Cary said. "Conditions weren't always great, but our guys were still competing hard and staying positive throughout matches."

Assistant coach Christo Schultz was satisfied with the promising showing of his players this past weekend, and noted that everyone really showed what their capabilities were.

"[Tufts could end up as] one of the top teams in the NESCAC if we do what we are capable of doing," Schultz said.

The weekend's results were indicative of the work the team has been doing this fall, but there is still work to be done. Schultz pointed to consistency, specifically in maintaining a high-level of play, as the number one weakness that the coaching staff will aim to focus on going forward.

The road to the spring is still long and arduous, but the Jumbos are making strides in preparing to take on one of the toughest conferences in Div. III.

They finish up their fall season on Oct. 24 to Oct. 25 with Tufts' own Boston Invitational.



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Nick Cary eyes the ball for a return shot in a match against Connecticut College.

## Eddie Samuels

Horribly,  
Terribly Wrong



## Week 5

Week five of the NFL season marks the point at which teams stop being hilariously bad and start being really, tragically bad. It would be very simple to talk about the Detroit Lions (0-5) every week, but where's the fun in that? Actually — ignore what I just said. I think that's exactly where I'll start.

Matthew Stafford: This was an absolutely brutal week for the former No. 1 draft pick. Detroit fans were unhappy throughout the game, which is understandable when you're the only team ever with an 0-16 season, and by all indications, well on the way to another. Dan Orlovsky — yes, the very same Dan Orlovsky who hasn't thrown a pass in an NFL game since 2012 — was let loose as a replacement for the benched Stafford.

The Jacksonville Jaguars: The Jags usually fall into the Lions category — teams that are too bad and too boring to be fun to mock. Something special happens, however, when they play against an equally awful team: the Jaguars become set on proving they're the more incompetent of the two. The abysmal Tampa Bay Buccaneers managed 38 points and 369 yards. The Jags made the Buccaneer's Jameis Winston look like a half-decent NFL quarterback, and that's just insanity.

Michael Bennett: Cincinnati Bengal's QB Andy Dalton threw an interception, which was returned to the Cincinnati 31-yard line; that's nothing new. What was different here was that during the interception return, Michael Bennett, a Seattle defensive end, blocked Dalton to the ground. When Dalton went to stand up, 20-plus yards behind the play in progress, Bennett tossed him back down, and then, just to make sure the diminutive Dalton got the message, all 274 pounds of Bennett landed on him. The referees, of course, never ones to let a quarterback take an unnecessary hit, flagged the play, and the Seahawks started with the ball on their own 18-yard line instead of the Cincinnati 31-yard line.

Greg Hardy: It's scary to think that in the NFL, a player who hits his girlfriend, throws her onto a couch covered in guns and threatens to kill her, receives just a four game suspension. If he weren't so good at this game, he'd never play it again, but alas, anything to help Cowboys owner Jerry Jones win I suppose. Greg, you really need to think more. Is it really smart to release a video filled with strippers as you await coming off suspension? Is it smart to talk about Tom Brady's wife coming to the game? Sometimes, this league is just messed up: winning will always come first.

Jerry Jones: Most of this falls under the Hardy discussion, but it would be wrong not to mention Jones here. Nothing matters more to Jerry Jones than winning at football, even if that means signing despicable players to his team. And people wonder why he's one of the most hated owners in sports.

Sometimes the NFL is just a very strange, very confusing place. Antiquated rules and ridiculous behavior rule the league. This week was just downright weird. Jones and Hardy are all over the news, and bad teams are playing worse than anyone thought they ever could. I'm hoping next week is full of more of the NFL's ordinary oddities and fewer tabloid moments.

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