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Tisch Scholars program makes revisions based on feedback from internal task force, community

by Robert Katz
Assistant News Editor

The Tisch Scholars Program at the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service will alter its curriculum by extending its current required course to a full-year foundational class and by offering academic credit for community work in a diversified group of community placements beginning in fall 2016. The multi-year program emphasizes developing organization and policy skills to address social issues as part of its dedication to “active citizenship.” The College is also revising its recruitment process and how it distributes course credits, according to Scholars Program Administrator Sara Allred.

While in past years, only first-years and sophomores could apply to the program, but Allred noted that applications

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Dean of Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service Alan D. Solomont introducing lecturer Eboo Patel on Sep. 21, 2015.

TCU Senate discusses updates, entertains funding requests

by Vibhav Prakasam
Assistant News Editor

The Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate met on Sunday, Jan. 31 for the first time of the semester to review relevant updates from the fall semester and discuss its first set of supplementary funding requests from student groups.

TCU Senate President Brian Tesser opened the meeting with welcoming remarks to the Tufts community. He also welcomed back junior Allison Aaronson, former diversity and community affairs (DCA) Officer, who was abroad last semester and has been re-elected to serve on the TCU Senate.

Current DCA Officer Anna Del Castillo, a sophomore, gave a general report of the state of the DCA, in which she discussed the two resolutions the Senate passed last semester.

The first resolution aims to change the name of “Columbus Day” to “Indigenous Peoples Day” on all Tufts calendars. The other one was the #ThreePercent resolution, which includes provisions aiming to make Tufts a safer and more equitable environment through actions such as reducing racial profiling, and increasing black student attendance.

Following a series of other updates, TCU Treasurer Shai Slotky, a junior, gave a report on the state of the Treasury. He discussed the role of the Treasury and noted its importance to the student body. He also mentioned the recent formative changes to the fiscal procedures, which would aid in promoting egalitarian funding to several groups on campus.

He explained that student groups should provide preliminary budgets for the new fiscal year by Feb. 19, after which meetings between the TCU Allocation Board (ALBO) and signatories of the student groups would take place. Final decisions on budgets will be made on April 10, according to Slotky.

Next, Tesser, a senior, took the floor again to briefly speak about the state of the TCU. He discussed improvements made last semester in the Late Night Dining service, Sexual Misconduct policies and Alcohol/Drug Policy, along with other university improvements. Currently, students are working with the administration to improve the housing system, he said.

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International Center hires new international student advisor



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The newly appointed International Center advisor Neriliz Soto González on Jan. 29, 2016.

by Marianna Athanassiou
News Editor

The International Center welcomed Neriliz Soto González as its third International Student and Scholar Advisor on Jan. 21. In this role, González focuses on programming events and immigration advising.

González explained that her goals as a new advisor include running different

cultural programs, such as those introducing incoming students to Greater Boston, sharing the history of the state of Massachusetts and promoting understanding of different aspects of the American culture.

González said she hopes to get to know students and bring new events, knowledge and experience to the International Center. She said that she is excited to work with Tufts’ non-English speaking commu-

nity, saying that she can relate to those students because of her experience moving to the United States from Puerto Rico.

“I come from another country where English is not my first language, and I am hoping that students who are also struggling with English can come talk to someone who understands going through that experience,” González said. “I’m hoping I can connect to the Latino community here at Tufts.”

González attended the University of Puerto Rico, where she received a bachelor’s degree in Comparative Literature and French. In 2011, she moved to the United States and attended graduate school at Lesley University, where she focused on Intercultural Relations and worked directly with international students living in Boston.

“At Lesley University, I worked with Chinese students from the Boston area, performing research about their experiences in Boston, their experiences at home, their opinions of the Chinese economy and how they were adapting,” she said.

More recently, González worked as the International Student Specialist at Yale University.

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03 WEDNESDAY

"Thrills, Spills and Chills of Post-Disaster Planning in New Orleans' Lower 9th Ward"

Details: Ken Reardon, director of the graduate program in Urban Planning and Community Development at the University of Massachusetts in Boston, will be speaking about post-disaster planning in New Orleans' lower ninth ward in the years following Hurricane Katrina.

When and Where: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Sophia Gordon Hall

Sponsor: Urban and Environmental Policy & Planning Department

04 THURSDAY

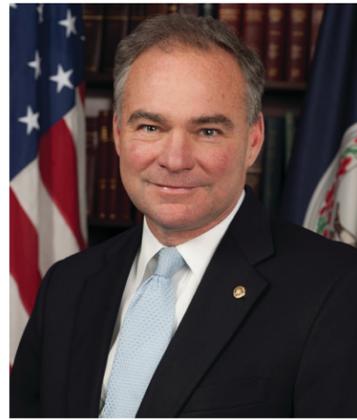
"Geospatial Innovation and Environmental Applications: The Geo Career Path"

Details: As a part of the Environmental Studies Program "Lunch and Learn" series, Michael Turner, the executive vice president and founding partner of Applied Geographics, will discuss the growth and context of the geospatial industry and its evolving impact on environmental conditions and jobs.

When and Where: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Rabb Room, Lincoln Filene Center

Sponsors: Environmental Studies Lunch and Learn Program, Tufts Institute of the Environment

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Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA), who has been in office since 2012, will be speaking about his thoughts on policy and the 2016 race this Friday.

"Tufts Culinary Society Presents: All About Chocolate"

Details: Dr. Carla Martin, executive director of the Fine Cacao and Chocolate Institute and lecturer at Harvard University, is speaking about the evolution of chocolate as a popular food.

When and Where: 7:30 p.m., Pearson 106
Sponsor: Tufts Culinary Society

05 FRIDAY

"Discussion with Senator Tim Kaine"

Details: Dr. Richard Eichenberg, professor of political science, will facilitate a discussion with United States Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) on topics ranging from his foreign policy priorities to the upcoming presidential election.

When and Where: 2:30 p.m., Rabb Room, Lincoln Filene Center

Sponsor: Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service

07 SUNDAY

"Tseng Kwong Chi: Performing for the Camera"

Details: This art exhibit features over 80 photo-based projects and works by artist and photographer Tseng Kwong Chi, including some of the artist's best-known series, such as East Meets West and Expeditionary.

When and Where: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Aidekman Art Gallery, Aidekman Arts Center

Sponsor: Tufts University Arts Gallery

Tisch Scholars program undergoes changes based on student, community feedback

TISCH SCHOLARS

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are now available for all students who will be on campus for the entirety of the coming academic year. The recruitment period for the program has also been shifted from the beginning of the fall semester to the start of spring semester, which, Allred posits, will be more fair to first-year students in particular.

"Having the recruitment in the spring instead of as soon as the school year starts in the fall may be more manageable for first-year students, as they have had more time to adjust to life at Tufts and know the Scholars Program is a program they want to commit to," Allred said.

Allred explained that many of the outlined adjustments were decided upon by a task force formed last year, which collected feedback from current Tisch Scholars and some of the scholars' community partners. The potential program improvements were also informed by feedback from the Community Partnerships Committee, an advisory group for Tisch College's Community Partnerships office, she said.

Allred went on to explain that, despite structural changes, no alterations were made to the core goals of the program.

"The overarching goal of the program — which is to provide education and opportunities for students to gain skills, knowledge and values in order to affect positive social change in our local communities and beyond — is still the same, but we are updating the model to better attain our

goal," she said. "We are excited to increase opportunities for...reflection and applied learning."

Alan Solomont, Pierre and Pamela Omidyar dean of the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, said he believes that the revisions will help Tisch College to more effectively reach its overarching goals.

"At Tisch College, our goal is to support students in developing the knowledge and skills to take action in communities and work toward positive social change," he said. "These changes to the Scholars Program will allow us to better achieve that objective."

Allred echoed Solomont's sentiments, noting that the coming months will be critical to the process of fine-tuning the program to help it better reach its goals.

"[In the spring and summer, Tisch College will] continue to engage our community partners to be sure that what the new scholars are learning best prepares them and supports them in community-based work," Allred said.

Tisch Scholar Eric Halliday explained that he is cautiously optimistic for the program alterations. He commended Tisch College for being responsive to student concerns regarding the program.

"One of the great things about Tisch Scholars is we evolve according to the critiques and the opinions of the Scholars themselves," Halliday, a senior, said. "These changes resulted from conversations that have been going on in the program between scholars and Tisch staffers for years."

Halliday described a task force among scholars from the 2013-2014 school year that analyzed, assessed and articulated weaknesses within the program, and informed some of the changes that are being made.

"I know a lot of those recommendations were incorporated within the current changes," Halliday said. "They definitely followed up, they did their best. Everything was as transparent as they could make it."

Tisch College's responsiveness to student and community interests left Halliday confident about the direction of the program, despite the lack of concrete details on the changes' mechanics, he said.

"Obviously not everything is ironed out, but I think the important thing to consider is that the Tisch staff will work with any scholar with any issue that arises," he said. "The program isn't about complying with requirements, the program is about getting the best experience possible."

Allred predicts that students across campus will maintain a strong interest in Tisch College's future projects and opportunities.

"I hope that students are excited about the new opportunities the updated program structure provides," Allred said. "Regardless of whether or not a student is accepted to the Scholars Program, I hope they will stay connected with Tisch College and participate in the array of programs and opportunities we provide and promote throughout the year."

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Senate members speak about Indigenous People's Day resolution and ongoing petition

SENATE

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TCU Vice President Gauri Seth, a junior, then took the floor to ask for any changes in the Committee meeting times.

TCU Parliamentarian Sam Berzok, a senior, followed by discussing an upcoming parliamentary workshop for TCU Senators, which will review resolution writing and parliamentary procedure.

Slotky then took the floor to introduce the funding requests from two student groups. The first one was from SURGE, a group which focuses on U.S.-China relations, and the other request was from Spoken Word Alliance at Tufts (SWAT).

SURGE applied for \$3,440 for travel and hotel accommodations for seven speakers for its annual symposium, an amount which matched ALBO's recommendation. The motion to grant this amount to SURGE was carried with unanimous approval.

SWAT appealed for \$4,175, which was over ALBO's recommended amount of \$2,035, to fund its trip to the College

Union Poetry Slam Invitational (CUPSI) in Austin, TX, the only annual spoken word competition at the collegiate level.

With the geographic radius set in the Treasury Procedures Manual (TPM), the Treasury is only allowed to supply funding to trips within the U.S. stretching West – roughly to Chicago- and South -roughly to Washington D.C.

As CUPSI is in Texas, which is outside of this radius, the first order of business was a vote to remove the radius constraint, and there was unanimous approval to do so.

In distributing the grant, ALBO cut out \$370 of funding for a coach. As according to TPM, the Treasury cannot fund individuals who are not affiliated with a Tufts student group, primarily because they did not pay the student activities fee. ALBO reasoned that SWAT could find another source to supply the funding. ALBO also cut down funding for travel expenses to \$100 per person, which is the maximum travel funding allowed by the TPM. Finally, the expenses for \$500 of

snacks and drinks were cut.

The recommendation of \$2,035 was debated on the floor before a vote, where it failed in a vote of 1-26-1.

However, by an oversight during ALBO's initial discussion of the recommended funding last week, personal contributions were left out of the \$2,035 proposal. Typically, it is expected that the individuals in the group make some contribution of their own for such trips, with a usual amount of \$15 per day per person. In this scenario – a four-day trip scheduled for five people – the total personal contribution would be \$300.

Therefore, the new recommended allo-

cation included a \$300 deduction from the original proposal to \$1,735. This recommendation was debated on the floor, and it passed in a vote of 23-5-0.

After the Treasury report, a Community Service Learning (CSL) representative took the floor and spoke about work being done to approve a university shift to adopt "Indigenous Peoples Day."

Finally, the Judiciary took the floor to give its report. Two of the open seats have been filled by first-years, and Animal Welfare is appealing the Judiciary's decision to not recognize the group. The report also mentioned that the student group recognition process will begin soon.

Neriliz Soto González hired to increase accessibility of International Center

INTERNATIONAL CENTER

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Director Jane Etish-Andrews, the search for a new advisor began in November last year.

"Three finalists were brought to campus and the candidates were interviewed by the [International] Center staff members, Rubén Salinas Stern — Latino Center Director — representing the Group of Six, Dean John Barker, Dean of Undergraduate and Graduate Students and a committee of six representing both undergraduate and graduate students," Etish-Andrews told the Daily in an email.

Based on the interviews and recommendations, a decision was made in mid-December last year, she explained.

In the past, the International Center has had only two International Student and Scholar Advisors who serve international students and faculty on all three of Tufts' campuses. González now joins Patrick Himes and Whitney Sullivan, who serve as the other advisors at the International Center.

According to Etish-Andrews, adding a third advisor will allow for more interaction between students and advisors.

"By adding a third advisor...all the advisors will be handling work with foreign scholars, post-docs or short research projects," she said. "Every advisor will be handling scholars directly, which was not done before."

Kayla Blackborow, a student assistant at the International Center, agreed that adding González's position will benefit the International Center as a whole.

"I only met Neriliz once, but she talked passionately about the work that she does with international students and engaging with the greater community," Blackborow, a senior, told the Daily in an email. "Neriliz's position [is] very similar to Pat and Whitney's, but I'm sure they'll adjust based on their interests and strengths – some may work more on programming while others work more on visa regulation and other technical stuff."

Etish-Andrews hopes that having González as an additional advisor will make the International Center more prominent on the Tufts campuses and will enable it to provide more resources to stu-

dents. Both undergraduate and graduate students, for whom English is a second language, will now have better, more personal access to advisors, she said.

She also hopes that increased visibility of the International Center on campus will help strengthen its community and the programs that it offers.

Etish-Andrews said the International Center serves a very important role in the lives of Tufts international students, faculty and scholars. Advisors provide individual counseling, advising and cultural readjustment services, as well as immigration and visa services, according to the International Center's website. Additionally, advisors help international students throughout the course of their Tufts careers and after they graduate, including with assistance with paying taxes.

"We do a lot of immigration work," Etish-Andrews said. "The Center is very insular, so the idea is that with more people we can have more people talking and making more connections."

In the larger Tufts community, she said the International Center hopes to improve intercultural relations on campus and aid in the personal and academic success of Tufts' international population. This includes raising intercultural awareness on campus and increasing the knowledge of immigration laws that affect international Tufts students, according to the International Center's website.

"We are strong for providing for students and also for foreign faculty and scholars," Etish-Andrews said. "We do not just provide immigration services, but also resources and counseling."

González agreed that having a more accessible center will bring many benefits to the students and its staff.

"It'll give the advisors the freedom to work on projects and programming for students and faculty that they might not otherwise be able to do," González said.

She said that her first day on the job was both new to her and comfortable.

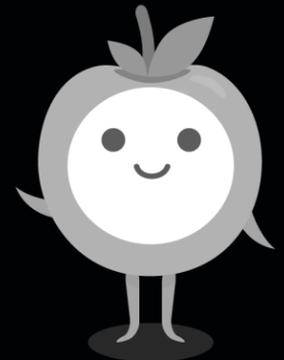
"It was relaxing and a different environment," she said. "Very welcoming. It was different but at the same time it felt like I was at home."

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Tufts Institute of Cosmology's research points to the possibility of multiverse

by **Nina Joung**
Features Editor

It may sound like something from a science fiction movie, but recent research from the Tufts Institute of Cosmology confirms the possibility that multiple universes could exist within black holes.

Last December, physics and astronomy professor Alexander Vilenkin, also the director of the Institute of Cosmology, published a paper with his colleagues verifying the possible existence of the multiverse theory.

The theory is controversial, according to Cosmology graduate student and co-author of the paper Jun Zhang. However, he explained that this scientific skepticism makes research on multiverse theory that much more important.

"Multiverse has always been a very interesting but also controversial concept," Zhang told the Daily in an email. "It provides an anthropic approach to some fundamental questions, like why does our universe have a such small vacuum energy. But not all the physicists buy it. Physicists who believe in multiverse try very hard to find the evidence of multiverse."

The theory behind the possibility of multiverses existing within black holes is also known as the theory of cosmic inflation. According to Vilenkin, who is also the L. and J. Bernstein Professor of Evolutionary Science, inflation is the theory of extremely rapid acceleration and expansion. The research paper he co-authored on this topic describes how during inflation, small quantum fluctuations in the universe create bubbles. Vilenkin explained

that when inflation continues, these bubbles expand. Once inflation ends, however, these bubbles stop contracting, collapse and form black holes.

According to Zhang, inflation theory also accounts for the creation of our galaxy.

"[Inflation theory] solves many projects like the big bang theory," Zhang said. "And an amazing thing is, it gives us a reason why we have such structures on very large scales. Because if you start from a homogenous universe, you cannot have galaxies – you cannot have this life. So you need to know where these structures come from, and inflation provides a framework."

Vilenkin described these black holes as "fossils" of the bubbles — a cosmologist's way of observing the bubbles in today's observable universe. While cosmologists can only observe the black hole, expansion continues within it, forming what could be another universe. Vilenkin illustrated this process using a balloon as a metaphor.

"So you can imagine that our exterior space is like a flat surface," Vilenkin said. "Then, you have a balloon, and the balloon grows, and the balloon is connected to this flat surface by a little – we call it a wormhole – tube. And this balloon keeps growing forever, right? But if you look at it from outside, you see a black hole."

According to a Jan. 6 article in the New Scientist, this research also helps solve the mystery of how supermassive black holes achieved their current size. The research describes how bubbles formed later in inflation period would collapse and form smaller black holes, but bubbles created earlier in

inflation period would become larger black holes with an inflating universe existing within them.

Zhang said that the next part of the research process will be finding the mass distribution of black holes.

"We want to find the black hole spectrum," Zhang said. "So given a bubble, you want to find out the mass of the black hole because you have many different kinds of bubbles because bubbles nucleate at different time."

According to Zhang, he and another graduate student are coding a program to run numerical simulations of these different black holes.

Jaume Garriga, a visiting professor from the University of Barcelona and co-author of the research paper with Vilenkin and Zhang, said that this is only the beginning of a long-term project. Garriga explained that there are many different types of black holes and different scenarios that the team must simulate mathematically to obtain more accurate conclusions. Garriga said that one of these specific cases meriting further examination is vacuum bubbles, which have more complicated dynamics than those studied previously by the team. He also stated that the research team should study the effects of radiation on black hole mass.

"To obtain an accurate determination of black hole mass, we have to simulate this process numerically," Garriga said. "So there are a lot of odds and ends, and ramifications. There are also issues having to do with how to detect these black holes, [and] what other constraints can we impose on this model."

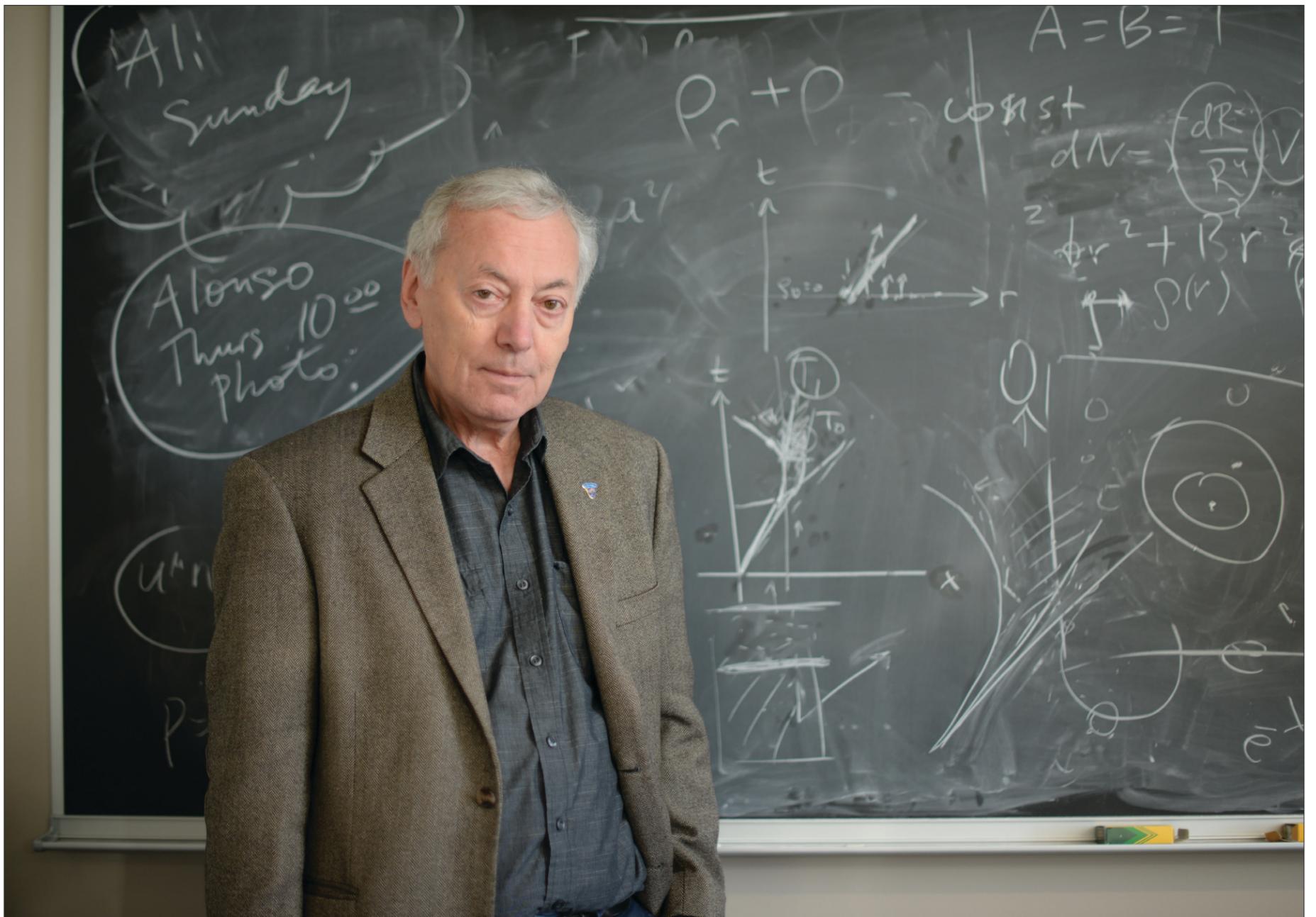
While Garriga and his colleagues have their work lined up for them now, Garriga recognizes an interest in cosmology that did not exist in his earlier years of study.

"I grew up in a time when there was not much public interest in science or in cosmology in particular," Garriga said. "People thought, 'this is useless.' But these days, if you go to some social event, there's always somebody who will ask you questions. I think probably thanks to articles, television, the 'Big Bang Theory' (2006 – present), all these movies involving black holes. People are interested; it's part of our 21st century culture, I suppose."

Vilenkin had a similar experience, as he also dealt with the lack of public interest in cosmology before. In a Nov. 12, 2007 Tufts Now story, Vilenkin described how difficult it was to get a job in cosmology. After writing his Ph.D. on the physics of biopolymers, such as DNA, and working as a condensed matter physicist at Tufts for one year. He made a risk to apply to be a professor in cosmology. He got the job, however, and his new research puts him at the forefront of his field.

Now, Vilenkin is surprised at the growing public interest in cosmology.

"I don't think they should be interested, but they are," he said. "Cosmology just fascinates people. All cultures developed creation myths; everyone wanted to know where things came from [and] how the universe originated. There is a tremendous interest in cosmology, and it's not because it is a practical value in the sense that it proves our culture of life, but it certainly satisfies our curiosity."



Professor of Physics and Astronomy Alexander Vilenkin in his office on Jan. 20. Professor Vilenkin is involved in ongoing research on multiverse theory.



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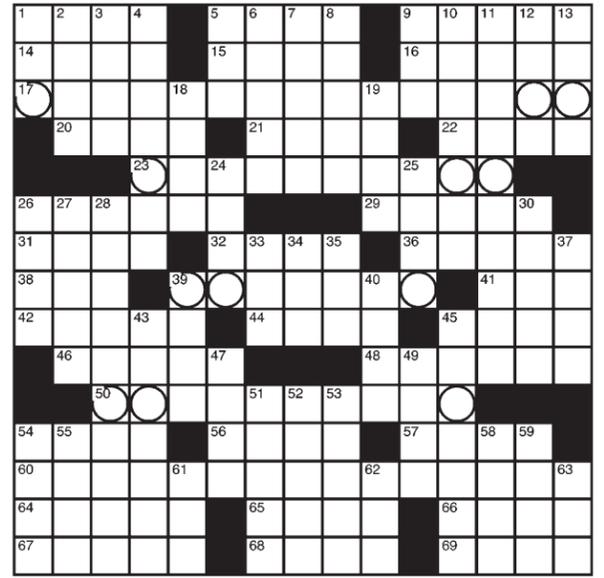
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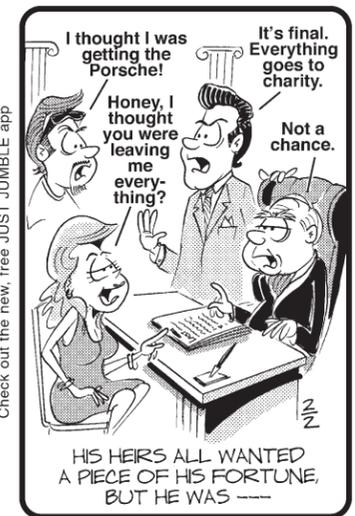
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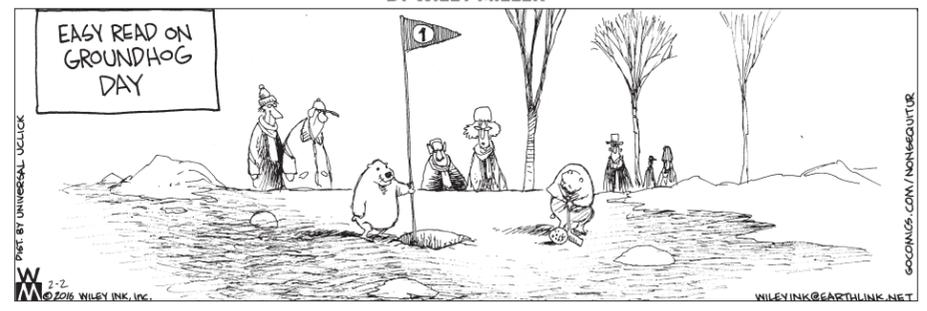
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Print your answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BLOCK PRONE BEACON IRONIC
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BY WILEY MILLER



THE RACE IS ON

2016 Iowa Caucus



On the night before the Iowa Caucus, Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders gives a rally at Grand View University's Sisam Arena in Des Moines, Iowa.



On the day of the Iowa Caucus, Republican presidential candidate Gov. Chris Christie speaks to the Westside Conservative Club in Urbandale, Iowa.



Carly Fiorina speaks at a town hall event in Waukee, IA on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016.



Actor Josh Hutcherson endorses presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders on the night before the caucus, Jan. 31, 2016.

Disclaimer: Daily photographer and social media executive editor Evan Sayles caucused for Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) in the process of photographing candidates for the Daily. The Daily Editorial Board put together this photo spread without any input from Sayles.

After a year of campaigning, Americans gathered to watch as first-in-nation Iowans gathered in high school auditoriums, churches, town halls and other locations across the Hawkeye State to caucus. The Daily was on location watching candidates stump for final votes as the 2016 campaign for President kicked off in earnest.

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) won the GOP Caucus in a surprising turnaround for a race that has been dominated by demagogic businessman Donald Trump. At press time, with 99 percent of counties reporting, Cruz led with 28 percent, followed by Trump with 24 percent and Florida Senator Marco Rubio (R) with 23 percent, according to CNN News.

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (D), who lost Iowa eight years before to then-Senator Barack Obama, was at press time statistically tied with Senator Bernie Sanders (I-Vt), 50.2 percent to 49.3 percent with 94 percent of counties reporting. Former Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley (D) suspended his campaign for president after receiving only 0.5 percent of the vote.

At press time, 12 students from Tufts are headed to New Hampshire to attend a rally for Sanders, as the senator leaves Iowa in his tracks to continue campaigning in the Granite State.

Businesswoman and former Hewlett-Packard executive Carly Fiorina, pictured above, received one percent of the vote, while former Senator



Republican presidential candidate Gov. Mike Huckabee gives an interview in West Des Moines, Iowa on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016.

Rick Santorum (R-PA), also pictured above, received one percent, according to numbers from CNN. New Jersey Governor Chris Christie received two percent, while former Louisiana Governor Mike Huckabee suspended his campaign after only receiving two percent of the vote as well.

Looking to New Hampshire, the three leading Republican candidates and the two deadlocked Democratic candidates will hope for momentum before their campaigns leave the two opening primary states for Nevada and South Carolina, then eventually the 14-state contest on Super Tuesday.

MOVIE REVIEW ★★☆☆☆

‘Anomalisa’ is a puppet movie for adults

by **Jonah Allon**
Assitant Arts Editor

“Anomalisa” (2015), a tender, searching new film from the mind of writer-director Charlie Kaufman and his collaborator Duke Johnson, might feature stop-motion animation and puppets, but its primarily preoccupied with what it means to be human, in the most expansive sense of the word. To be more exact, it deals with what it is to be human in an era and a society in which the most benign and ostensibly pleasant gestures are in some ways symptoms of a more pervasive cultural alienation. For Kaufman, whose view of the world often tend toward off-kilter and irreverently gloomy, there is something discomfiting, even sinister, lurking in the banal aspects of everyday life.

To get this across, the time frame of the film is compressed, covering the course of an evening and the following day, and lingering on moments that others would dis-

miss as insignificant. There’s a cringeworthy scene early in the film with an upbeat bellhop, who strains to make small talk as he brings the protagonist Michael Stone’s (voiced by David Thewlis) luggage to his room. The conversation (if it can even be called that) seems to brazenly defy every convention of screenwriting, until you realize that its very inanity is the point: each of these small interactions, trivial as they might seem, is driving Michael ever-closer to the precipice of emotional and existential despair.

Other things seem to be nudging him in that direction, too. An unhappily married author of customer service self-help books, Michael flies out to Cleveland to speak at a conference. The evening he arrives at his hotel, after a brief, tense phone call with his wife and an abortive attempt at rekindling a relationship with an old flame, he meets Lisa (the wonderful Jennifer Jason Leigh), a diffident sales rep from the

Midwest who entices him with her self-effacing manner. But it’s her voice that truly captivates him and he continually prods her to use it, eagerly lapping up every syllable she utters. She’s unique. She’s an anomaly. Hence: Anomalisa. Leigh, apparently undaunted by the prospect of breathing life into a puppet, proves up to the challenge. Her voice is gentle, restrained, and sensual—in other words, human.

Kaufman’s choice to set most of the action in a hotel is a brilliant conceit. With its dim, drab lighting, lack of any personal touches and rows of identical rooms, the hotel is the perfect symbol of modern anonymity and alienation—a place where people shed their true selves rather than inhabit them. And the name of the hotel, Fregoli, serves as a sly nod to the Fregoli delusion, a rare psychological condition that makes someone perceive different people as the same person. Though we’re never privy to any official diagnosis, this seems to be what ails Michael—an inability

to distinguish anyone from the pack and the despair that accompanies it. In an ingenious trick, the directors have Tom Noonan voice every other character in the film, implying that they’re all variants of the same person, at least in Michael’s mind.

The use of puppets that could easily pass as human beings, if not for their overly expressive eyes and segmented faces resembling masks, can make for an eerie, almost unsettling effect—especially by the time the climactic sex scene rolls around (I’ll let you experience that bit of cinematic magic for yourselves). At the same time, animation as a form afford the filmmakers much greater freedom than real-life actors do. Ironically, however, here Kaufman steers mostly clear of the surrealism that was integral to earlier efforts, such as “Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind” (2004) and “Being John Malkovich” (1999). In “Anomalisa,” finding a beacon of human connection amidst a sea of isolation is surreal enough.

ALBUM REVIEW ★★☆☆☆

Daughter’s ‘Not to Disappear’ satisfies fans with comforting familiarity

by **Eran Sabaner**
Assistant Arts Editor

Daughter is arguably one of the most successful indie acts of our generation. The band’s debut, “If You Leave” received significant praise when it was released in 2013, and produced three singles including the Spotify favorite “Youth.” Daughter’s popularity is due in part to its ability to create a powerful, moving effect on listeners with a very simple, minimal sound—the band’s atmospheric music is the perfect companion to a gloomy Sunday afternoon. Fortunately, Daughter’s sound has more or less remained the same over the years and this trend continues with its latest effort. Smartly released in the wintertime, “Not to Disappear,” which dropped on Jan. 15, is the perfect follow up to “If You Leave.” It is not bold and revolutionary, but it will satisfy fans with its comforting familiarity.

Despite Daughter’s general interest in sticking with the same sound, the band does briefly explore new territory in “Not to Disappear.” The album opens with the fittingly titled “New Ways,” which has a slightly different feel than

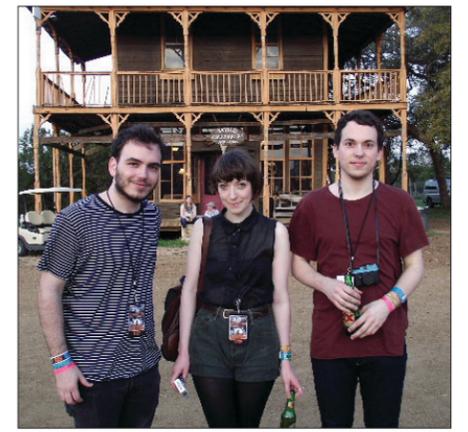
much of the album’s other tracks. The haunting beats complement the notably louder and more guitar-heavy sound. The album’s second track, titled “Numbers,” sees the band return to a more familiar vibe, although the inclusion of percussion makes the song’s overall effect more powerful. With repetitive and memorable lyrics like “I feel numb in this kingdom,” the track is evidently more pop than the opening track. “Do the Right Thing,” follows with a softer, simpler arrangement, and like “Youth,” the song’s simplicity captivates its listeners. A song about old age and memory loss, “Do the Right Thing” soars in its final lines: “And they’re making children / Everyone’s in love / I just sit in silence / Let the pictures soak.” These lyrics convey the ephemerality of life and love in a poignant, devastating way.

While “Do the Right Thing” is certainly the highlight of the album, each of the remaining tracks has remarkable moments of its own. “How” and “Mothers” are emotional break-up tracks with a build up. “Alone / With You” is not very outstanding musically, but its lyrics candidly explore the dilemma of remaining

in a painful relationship. The next two songs, “No Care” and “To Belong,” lift the mood with faster beats, despite the fact that both tracks are about dysfunctional relationships. In “No Care,” lead singer Elena Tonra chants, “I don’t care, I don’t care anymore” over and over again, while “To Belong” features the lyrics “I don’t want to belong to you, to anyone.” While previous songs examine the vulnerable stages of heartbreak, these two tracks offer an inspiring indifference to romantic disappointment.

The newfound indifference is, however, strikingly absent in “Fossa,” the album’s penultimate track. The tempo is still fast, but confessional lyrics like “I don’t owe you much / But I miss you so” suggest a break up not so easily forgotten. The final song, “Made of Stone” finds Tonra contracting the message in “Fossa.” She tells her lover, “I think I’m made of stone / I should be feeling more,” even though the preceding song strongly suggests the opposite.

Plainly stated, “Not to Disappear” is a breakup album. Its simple and confessional lyrics openly express the grief and sorrow of a crumbling relationship, the words



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The band “Daughter” during SXSW 2012 at Willie Nelson’s ranch in Luck, TX on Mar. 15, 2012

matching the dark and gloomy atmosphere of the music. The album has nothing new and groundbreaking to offer, but it will certainly please Daughter’s fans. Though “Not to Disappear” will not become a classic on its own, the album will most likely to be remembered as an admirable, if safe, follow-up to “If You Leave.”

VIDEO GAME REVIEW ★★☆☆☆

‘Bit Blaster XL’ tries, fails to emulate greatness

by **John Gallagher**
Executive Arts Editor

Lately, it seems that in video games, everything that is old is new again. Publishers are resurrecting the much loved titles in their back catalogs by creating “HD remasters” of the likes of “Final Fantasy VIII” (1997) and “Gear of War” (2006) by re-releasing the games with extra content, updated graphics and full support for modern systems. Whether you view this trend as a cynical attempt to cash in on nostalgia by effectively selling the same game to players a decade later (albeit with a bit of added spit polish) or an honest attempt to make the classics of yesteryear accessible to new players, the demand for remakes is strong.

Beyond re-releases of aging big-budget titles on consoles, the kinds of mechanically simple, yet fiendishly challenging experiences that were once the hallmark of arcades are enjoying a resurgence on the PC and mobile devices. And building a simple, top-down shoot ‘em up that emulates masterpieces like

Atari’s “Asteroids” (1979) has become a popular project for the smaller developers that release their games via Steam and app stores.

In such a saturated genre, the crucial question for newly released “Bit Blaster XL,” an “Asteroids” clone by developer Nickervisionstudios, is can it measure up to titles like Valmbeer’s sublime “Luftrausers” (2014) and Bizarre Creations’ “Geometry Wars” (2003)? Unfortunately, the answer is mostly no.

In “Bit Blaster XL,” the player takes command of a spaceship and must destroy asteroids and enemy ships to raise their score, while avoiding colliding with asteroids and dodging enemy fire. There is no fire button, so the player’s ship automatically launches projectiles in whatever direction it is orientated, meaning that the player must point their ship towards threats and hope for the best. The player’s ship also moves forward automatically, so all the player can control is the ship’s orientation and its speed (via a speed boost button). Killing enemies awards the player points, as does picking up the ammunition they drop,

which is essential as the player’s ammo count depletes rapidly due to their ship’s constant firing of its weapon. Weapon pick-ups, which replace the player’s weapon, occasionally drift across the screen, offering the player a chance to vary their play style. They include homing missiles, bouncing projectiles and a host of other armaments. The game ends when the player dies after colliding with an enemy or an asteroid, or after they are hit by enemy fire. Rinse and repeat.

Given that “Bit Blaster XL” can be described in less than 200 words, the player inevitably sees almost all of what the game has to offer within a few minutes of gameplay. Though there is a progression system that allows the player to unlock a collection of ships, each with different characteristics, the motivation to unlock the full set never seems to materialize. The game’s only true replay value comes from the desire to increase one’s high score, which admittedly is formidable over the short term.

Games like “Broforce” (2015) have demonstrated that pixel-art can be gorgeous, and

by comparison the visuals in “Bit Blaster XL” feel merely adequate. Predominantly white spacecraft and asteroids cruise against a slate-gray background with occasional splashes of color introduced by projectiles and pick-ups. The design of the spacecraft is uninspired and asteroids are simply circles. The highest praise that can be given to the game’s visuals is that they hang together successfully by virtue of a well-chosen color pallet.

The game’s music is an abject disappointment. Its soundtrack appeared to consist of a single short loop of entirely forgettable electronic music.

“Bit Blaster XL” ultimately rehashes tried and tested mechanics that other games have implemented with far more panache. From its uninteresting art to its mediocre gameplay “Bit Blaster XL” disappoints and underwhelms, providing a few minutes of enjoyment at best. Those seeking an addictive, quick fire score attack experience should look elsewhere.

“Bit Blaster XL” is available now on Steam for \$0.99.

EDITORIAL

Why free college isn't as radical as you think

Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders wants to make public colleges tuition-free, as do many other ultra-liberal policy makers and citizens. The plan is often lambasted by other politicians, including the other Democratic candidates, for being too idealistic, too radical and above all unfeasible. But do these claims actually have any support?

Almost every major player in the national political field admits that there are problems in our education system, in which exorbitant prices minimize chances for economic mobility. Even former Tea Party member and GOP candidate Senator Ted Cruz, who largely embraces laissez-faire economics, has also pointed out this growing challenge. The remaining candidates from both sides have proposed two alternative plans.

Many of the Republican candidates, especially Senator Marco Rubio, are calling for an increase in vocational programs available to both high school and college-aged students. These initiatives are largely supported by politicians from

both sides of the aisle including former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Sanders. However, those initiatives are not enough to help increase economic equality and equity for a myriad of reasons. First, mass producing highly-skilled workers—particularly plumbers and electricians, the two careers vocational-endorsers love to tout—will naturally saturate the market for these jobs. Unfortunately, when there are more qualified workers than there are spots, those most advantaged—with connections and social power (i.e. not those who are supposed to be helped by these programs)—receive the jobs. Furthermore, we cannot tell our disadvantaged citizens that their only option in life is to move into blue-collar professions; we cannot turn our inner city schools into a boxed-in environment.

On the other side of the aisle, Clinton and former Maryland Governor O'Malley call for "zero debt" college, in which all students are guaranteed the ability to receive a loan if they need it. This propos-

al also ensures that the price of college is adjusted so no student is forced to take excessive loans, and that the percentage of income to be paid back to the banks by college students is decreased. Essentially, those who are able to pay tens of thousands of dollars a year still do suffer, which is how price discrimination works. This system is a temporary stop-gap that only exacerbates the problem as time goes on. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York published findings in July 2015 detailing a "pass-through effect" of 65 percent of federal loans on tuition. In other words, for every dollar the federal government granted in loan aid to higher level institutions, the average tuition increased by 65 cents, while Pell grants—the grants Clinton and O'Malley want to expand to cover their plans—increase tuition by 55 cents for every dollar given. Feasible plans to reduce college costs must not only offer short-term relief but also avoid increasingly exorbitant spending in the long term. Unfortunately, the current debt-free college plans do not

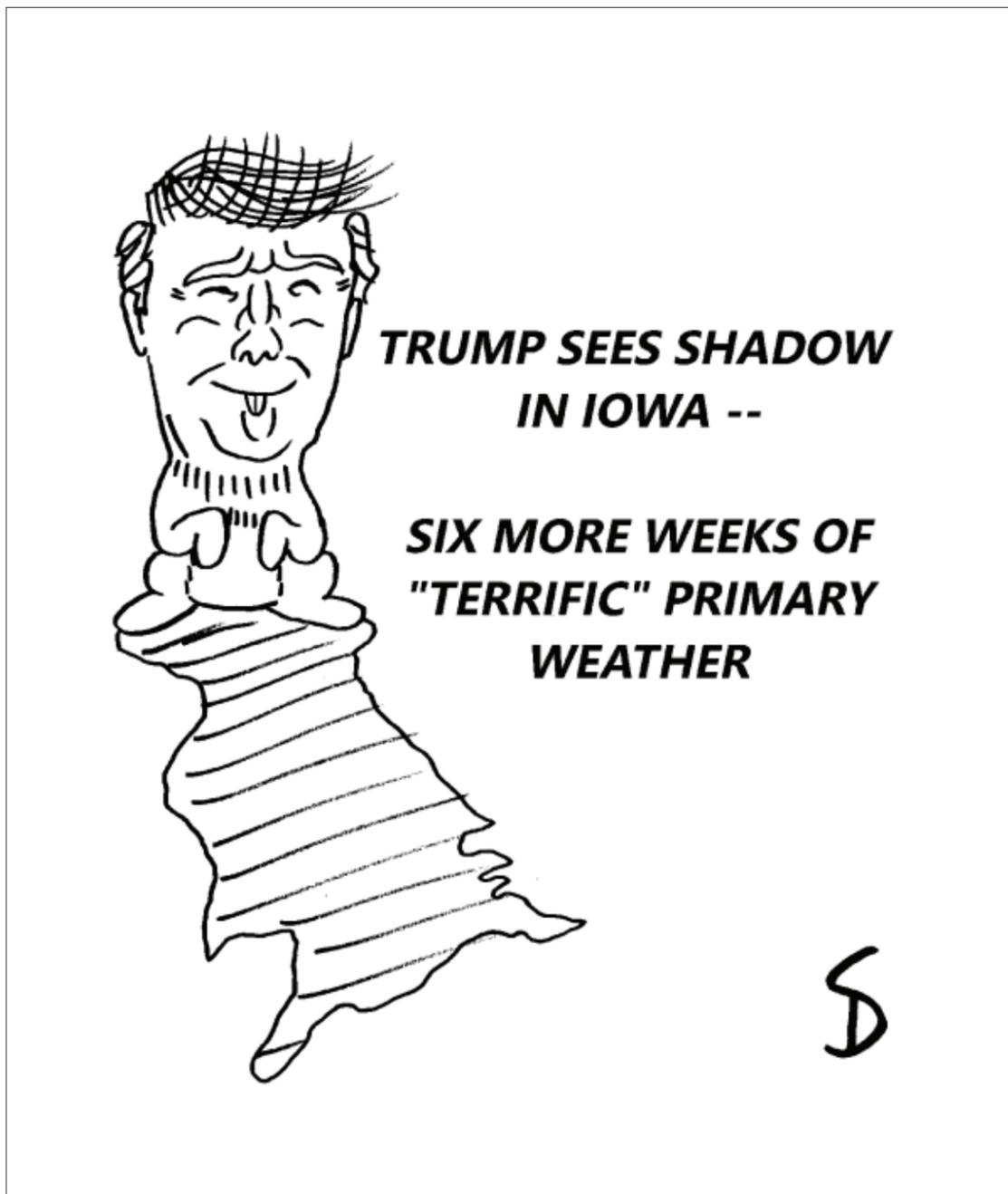
account for the latter.

Enter Sanders' proposal for free public colleges. His plan is far from perfect and does not include nearly enough details to be left unquestioned. The idea is costly—it would require states to increase their investment in higher education over time, which has fallen precipitously since the 1980s. The Wall Street Journal estimates the cost to be an additional \$750 billion over 10 years, about the same price the US spends on the military every year. Besides, the labor market is saturated with college degrees already, which the plan does not address.

Sanders' goal of free college would never make it through a Republican-controlled House. It lacks logistical specificity. It doesn't address numerous systematic problems in our education system. However, when compared to Rubio's and Clinton's plans — which have faced much less scrutiny and attacks from the media and the public—Sanders' is at least realistic enough to assert that the way we pay for college now is not working.

EDITORIAL CARTOON

BY STEPHEN DENNISON



OP-ED

*Why race and class matter at Friedman*by **Samantha Hoeffler**

“It is time to refocus, reinforce and repeat the message that health disparities exist and that health equity benefits everyone.” – Former Secretary, Health & Human Services Kathleen G. Sebelius

We as nutrition students are well aware of the research showing that race and socioeconomic status are responsible for significant health and nutrition disparities in the United States. Diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and hypertension rates are all higher in non-white, minority populations. As future practitioners, educators, researchers and leaders in the nutrition field, we can’t adequately address diet-related chronic diseases and other critical nutrition issues without also wrestling with issues of race and class.

As eventual actors in the nutrition field, we must engage with the reality of society at large. We have to realize that the lack of social justice that exists in our country will inevitably inform our nutrition and health work. As Friedman students, many of us hope to improve the lives of people in need. Working toward health equity is the most important part of this goal. Achieving health equity would benefit each member of our society and this objective must be a foundational part of our understanding of health and nutrition interventions.

To truly grapple with the lack of health equity, we must ask two questions: first, what are its underlying causes? Second, how will health disparities inform our experience at Friedman and beyond?

Our lack of diversity sheds light on the inequalities in our society at large and makes taking these issues on all the more important.

At the root of health disparity in the U.S. is our country’s deep history of racial discrimination and plunder. This shameful record manifests itself today through starkly unequal access to quality education, basic resources, adequate health care services and healthy, affordable food. We must ask ourselves how we will reckon with this history during our studies.

To understand how health disparities, race and class will shape our time here at Friedman, we need to be more introspective. It is important that what we study and prioritize at Friedman reflects what we will see and experience upon

entering the workforce. Currently, issues of race, class and injustice are at the forefront of our national dialogue. Not only are these topics relevant on a societal level, but these issues can no longer be ignored within higher education institutions. Students are addressing targeted and institutional injustice at countless universities. We can all agree that the Friedman student body and faculty don’t represent the full spectrum of diversity in our society and our future work places. We cannot wait for the demand for diversity and justice to come to us; we must value these ideas from within.

Friedman’s student body and faculty are overwhelmingly white and the school isn’t particularly socioeconomically diverse. Our lack of diversity sheds light on the inequalities in our society at large and makes taking these issues on all the more important. To be prepared for the world that awaits us after graduation, we must make our school more diverse, inclusive and representative of the outside world. To do so, we will need more than symbolic action. We need real change and we can’t wait for years of planning and strategizing. Changes that can be made in the immediate-term include: (1) With the new faculty search, the administration should prioritize hiring professors of color from varied backgrounds. (2) The administration should also estab-

lish programs that recruit non-traditional students, like pre-doctoral and bridge programs. (3) Lastly, the mandatory Wednesday seminar can be utilized to bring other voices and outlooks into the conversation. Some of these voices should come from outside Friedman and bring new perspectives to the school.

The Friedman school has a fantastic reputation for being on the cutting edge of research in nutrition and for producing food system practitioners that can shift policy in significant ways. The school has the opportunity to redefine how it engages with issues of race and class and to once again be on the cutting edge of an issue. The health disparities resulting from injustice will not be resolved without resolute commitment and unwavering determination. It is up to us as future practitioners to engage with these issues and to create change from within our own walls. If we take bold steps toward increasing diversity, our community will be rich with difference and unified by hope. We can show other institutions that anti-racism, inclusion and equity are critical to the success of us all.

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SPORTS

Jumbos look to bounce back from recent tough streak of games

HOCKEY

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forward Mike Najjar flicked a backhand into the net. Middlebury's senior tri-captain forward Evan Neugold and sophomore forward Vincent Gisonti assisted on the play.

The game was tied up at 2-2 when Charles was called for interference at 6:34, gifting the Jumbos their second power play of the game. Sophomore forward Chad Goldberg took full advantage of the opportunity, sending the puck across the goal line with a backhanded shot at 6:59. Ouellette and first-year forward Clay Berger assisted. The Jumbos were highly efficient on power plays, scoring on both opportunities, and on the other side of the ice, they held the Panthers to one power play goal despite six tries.

"[The power play] has improved a lot," Coach Norton said. "I think our entrance into the zone has been excellent all year. The things I liked recently, but especially over the last few games: I think our puck movement has been significantly quicker, I think we've gotten good net front presence from Clay Berger and David Lackner and I think we've attacked the net well. [Sophomore forward Nick] Flanagan, and [sophomore forward Brian] Brown and Goldberg, I think that our little guys have done a great job attacking the net, and to cap that off I think our defensemen have done a better job getting pucks through and getting pucks in position."

"We take a lot of pride in our penalty kill," Brown said. "It's a very different

strategy from what other teams do. They sit back and try to block shots and put sticks in the lane — we just send a guy. Every time they touch the puck, we have a guy going at them."

With sixteen minutes gone by in the third, the Jumbos' Brown and the Panthers' senior defenseman Terrance Goguen were called for slashing. Playing five-on-five hockey with a 3-2 lead, the Jumbos needed to hold on for just four more minutes. But first-year Jumbo defenseman Nick Abbene was called for holding and the Panthers went on the offensive.

"We've had games where we haven't taken a lot of penalties and we've been very disciplined and done an outstanding job," Norton said. "[The penalties] rear their head sometimes in key situations, so we've certainly talked to the team about it and we've had to make some tough decisions in terms of lineup."

Senior Panther forward Brendan McGovern finished off Neugold's inspired late push to tie the game at 3-3 with just over two and a half minutes remaining. Neither team could generate a decent scoring opportunity in overtime, leaving the contest as a tie. Pulde finished with 38 saves for the Jumbos, while his Panther counterpart Klein had 37.

The Jumbos fell 4-0 on Friday night to the Williams Ephs, who are currently second only to the Trinity Bantams in the NESCAC standings. Junior forward Luke Stickel, sophomore forward David Italiano, junior forward Tyler Young and senior defenseman Zander Masucci all scored on Tufts. Stickel's goal came just

2:45 into the game, and Italiano extended the first period lead to two at 15:38. The other goals came within a minute of each other in the second period. Neither team scored in the third period as the Ephs nursed their lead.

"I thought we had a good jump out of the gates against Williams, but a few costly mental errors got us behind the eight-ball early and then against a good team like Williams you're just not able to recover from that," Norton said.

Pulde saved 29 shots and the Ephs scored on one of their four power plays. Williams senior goalie Noah Klag defended 20 shots and Tufts was unable to score on either of its two power plays.

The week prior to the Williams game, Tufts defeated Wesleyan 4-1 and suffered a 3-2 loss to Trinity in a rematch of the season opener. Earlier in January, Tufts dropped 4-2 to Amherst on Jan. 16 and tied 1-1 with Hamilton the next day. All four games were at home. Including Williams and Middlebury, Tufts' last six games have been against NESCAC opponents and Tufts went 1-3-2 in that span, demonstrating the difficulties inherent in playing in such a tough conference with so much parity.

"There's no night off [in the NESCAC]," Norton said. "Even Trinity, they see Tufts coming in and, even though we're not at the top of the rankings right now, they know that it's going to be a very tight game and probably come down to the third period. You have to mentally prepare for every single game being a real legitimate tight close contest. It's a challenge. It's a grind for the guys and it

makes every night a real test, and I think that's the biggest thing about NESCAC opponents."

Although the NESCAC is widely regarded as a highly competitive, if not the premier, conference in Div. III hockey, the Jumbos relish their conference match-ups.

"A lot of kids played against a lot of kids in the league growing up," Flanagan said. "I think we are really familiar with each team and know what to expect. I like playing against Williams, Trinity those games mean a lot."

"We have the team this year, we have the leadership, Brian [Ouellette] and Stewart [Bell] are really good leaders," Brown said. "We're probably never going to find captains like those guys again. It's been a slow start, but the little things are building up and it's really coming together, and I think it's going to show in these next six games and the playoffs."

In a boost to the team, after the starting lineups had been announced prior to the Middlebury game began, the Tufts swimming and diving team, who themselves were competing at Middlebury, cheered "Go Jumbos" from the stands.

"That got us pretty hyped up," Brown said. "It really helped us come out."

"We've been very very pleased with the support we've gotten at the Malden Valley Forum this year," Norton said. "It's been a fun environment to play there."

Tufts next takes on Connecticut College in two-game home and home series, for Tufts and Conn. College respectively. Both will be Green Dot games for charity.

Jumbos' 24-man roster looks to NESCACs next

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"Every single one of our men who was shaved and tapered achieved a personal best in at least one of their races, with many of them getting multiple personal bests," Coach Adam Hoyt said. "Getting that kind of a result at a meet like this is a great indicator of the potential of the rest of our team and their performance."

Junior Russell Weeks was one of those to achieve a new personal best, taking a full 12 seconds off of his previous best in the 400-yard individual medley. Amirkhanashvili and first-year David Nason both broke their own records in the 100-yard fly. Sophomore Kai McGuire improved upon his 200-yard freestyle by five seconds. The list of personal bests and impressive performances recorded by the Jumbos from the meet is seemingly endless.

Although the three captains and the usual roster of high performers were less prevalent at this meet, their presence and support was greatly important, as was the bolstering effect of seeing their teammates succeed.

"The meet was a huge inspiration for the guys who are going to NESCACs," senior tri-captain Harry Wood said. "We saw how fast our teammates went who tapered, which definitely pumped us up to finish out the year strong. It also helped confirm what events everybody would be doing and gave everybody one last time to practice their races in a meet scenario."

Another relay team that performed

very well was the 400-yard medley team was comprised of Nason, first-year James Wu, sophomore Jacob Siegelbaum and junior Michael DeCortin. The team came second in its race, just managing to deprive the Williams A team of a second place finish.

The diving competition saw junior Matt Rohrer sweep the board with a pair of wins that far exceeded his personal bests. In the three-meter dive, Rohrer scored 463 points and exceeded his seed score of 365.85 by nearly 100 points. In the one-meter dive Rohrer improved upon his seed score of 330.90 to come away with a huge 507.05 points. Sophomore Aaron Idelson also performed well in the one-meter dive, scoring 453.80 to improve upon his previous personal best of 292.80.

"I'm throwing a few new dives this semester, and to be able to do them decently well this close to NESCACs is a great feeling," Rohrer said. "Going into the postseason, the divers all want to just practice and master the dives we will be competing at NESCACs, Zones, and, hopefully, NCAAs."

Overall the meet showed incredible promise for the Jumbos as they prepare for the NESCAC Championships. The team's all-around solid performance indicates just how good the Jumbos can be when they've shaved and tapered and at their peak performance.

"I think the performances reflected a full year of work," Hoyt said.

The 24 NESCAC swimmers will begin their rest period on Thursday and look ahead to the Championships held at Williams College Feb. 19-21.



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HOCKEY

Hockey pulls off win against Wesleyan, struggles against top-ranked teams

by Phillip Goldberg
Sports Editor

Tufts (6-7-5) fell 4-0 to Williams (13-4-1) on Friday and allowed Middlebury (6-7-5) to tie up Saturday's contest at

HOCKEY
(6-7-5 Overall, 2-6-4 NESCAC)
Friday, Jan. 29

	1	2	3	FT
Tufts	0	0	0	0
Williams	2	2	0	4

Saturday, Jan. 30

	1	2	3	OT	FT
Tufts	1	1	1	0	3
Middlebury	0	1	2	0	3

three goals apiece at the very last minute in what proved to be a frustrating weekend away for the Jumbos.

"If we can get three goals or more in our games, with our defensive core, our penalty kill and our goaltending, it gives us a real good chance to pick up points," coach Patrick Norton said. "It's our focus pretty much since we've come back from break to really emphasize our offensive skills...I do think we have made positive strides in that direction."

In the first period against Middlebury, Tufts first-year defenseman Ryan Wolter fired a shot at sophomore goalie Stephen Klein who managed to deflect the puck. Fellow freshman David Lackner collected the rebound, managing to finish the power play and earn Tufts a 1-0 lead at 5:56. Tufts led shots on goal 14-10 through the first period.



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The men's ice hockey team losses to Wesleyan University by a score of 1-3 on Jan. 25, 2014.

The Middlebury Panthers responded early in the second, when junior goalie Mason Pulde deflected sophomore Panther forward Mark McLellan's shot and senior forward Jake Charles snuck the rebound past Pulde.

The Jumbos regained the lead when senior co-captain Brian Ouellette utilized a screen and found string behind Klein from the left point. Neither team scored again in the second, and four penalties forced the Jumbos to spend

the remainder of the period fending off shots while shorthanded.

But just three minutes into a back-and-forth third period, junior Panther

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MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Jumbos swim confidently in last race before NESCAC Championships

by Maddie Payne
Assistant Sports Editor

Over the weekend Tufts competed in a two-day Invitational held at Middlebury College, competing against the host and NESCAC rival Williams College, among other New England schools. Although the meet was not scored, it still gave all three teams the opportunity to size up their opponents, and it gave swimmers who will not be swimming at the NESCAC Championships more opportunities to swim in big races while those on the NESCAC roster were given a less grueling schedule.

"The beauty of this meet is that it's a great benchmark," senior tri-captain Cam Simko said. "[It's a] confidence boost for the rest of the team."

The nature and timing of the meet meant that there was a drastic change in the relay lineups. The relay A team made up of first-years Brian Honicky and Chris Simotas, sophomore Hazen Breen and junior David Amirkhanashvili came a very close third behind the Middlebury A and Williams A relays, improving their seed time of 1:31.50 to 1:27.11.

Honicky performed extremely well at the meet, shaving off nearly eight seconds from his personal best to record a 1:58.30, 200-yard individual medley race that won him second place, under a second behind Williams' Colin Hogan.

"From the start there was great energy on the pool deck and it was a great feeling seeing people's hard work pay off with a ton of lifetime best and season best times," Honicky said. "When people weren't swimming, they were up and cheering for their teammates, but when it was time to get up and race, we showed that we were prepared mentally and physically."

First-year Kingsley Bowen brought home a pair of wins for the team, one in the 100-yard fly and another in the 200-yard backstroke. His fly time of 50.95 was a significant improvement upon 51.71, his previous personal best.

"The 200-yard back, while not my best time of the season, was strategical-



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Freshman Craig Drennan swims breaststroke in the individual medley.

ly my best swim," Bowen said. "Often I'll either go out too hard and not be able to finish my race quickly, or I'll start my race too slow to have a good time. As we approach NESCAC Championships, it's important to learn how to most effectively swim my races."

Simotas and Amirkhanashvili also stood out in the 50-yard freestyle, both improving upon their personal bests and coming fourth and fifth in the race, respectively.

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