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Mass. Governor Deval Patrick gives nod to Obama last night in Boston rally



Gov. Deval Patrick (left) endorsed Sen. Barack Obama yesterday.

BY ROB SILVERBLATT
Daily Editorial Board

Governor Deval Patrick (D-Mass.) officially endorsed Senator Barack Obama (D-Ill.) for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination at a Boston rally last night, cementing a partnership between two politicians known for their grassroots appeal.

Obama's campaign is "thrilled" about Patrick's support, according to spokesperson Jen Psaki.

"Gov. Patrick is someone who has been a leader in Massachusetts and has really come to be seen as a rising star nationally," Psaki said. "His election last year proved that the voices of everyday Americans are what's most important in the political process."

Like Obama, Patrick is an African-American politician who has

received broad support.

"I would say that Sen. Obama and Gov. Patrick have both shown that they can reach across many stereotypes and many divides to unite people behind a common cause," Psaki said.

Dean of Undergraduate Education James Glaser, who is also a political science professor, agreed, noting that the endorsement "reinforces... the impression that Obama has that crossover appeal." But Glaser also said this has been obvious ever since Obama was elected to the Senate in 2004.

At Tufts, Obama has a strong fan base, and some of his on-campus supporters got the opportunity to sit on stage with him last night during the rally.

Sophomore Will Ehrenfeld, the co-chair of Tufts' chapter of Students

for Barack Obama, was one of them. "It was really a fantastic feeling. It was very inspirational," he said. "It was nice to be rewarded for the hard that we've done on the campaign."

Sophomore Seth Stein, the other co-chair, was not able to make it to the rally last night, but was enthusiastic about the endorsement.

"I'm feeling great about it," he said. "It's important for the campaign to show that Barack Obama can get support from established members of the party."

But even including the backing of the Bay State's highest-ranking official, Obama has still been less adept at shoring up in-state support than his main rival, Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.).

The only two U.S. congressmen in the state to endorse a candidate so far, Rep. Jim McGovern and Rep. Richard Neal, have backed Clinton, as have state Senate President Therese Murray and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino. All of them are Democrats.

Some of the support for Clinton stems from connections forged during her husband's presidency.

Neal, for example, is a family friend of the Clintons and said that Hillary will bring to the table many of the same policies as Bill.

"There's no question," he said. "I think you can see that many of the same advisors have lined up behind her."

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School of Medicine to get a new curriculum

BY MICHAEL DEL MORO
Contributing Writer

Officials at Tufts' School of Medicine want their students to be better prepared for the careers that await them.

And with that in mind, they plan to roll out a new curriculum aimed at adapting to the ever-developing field of medicine and giving students earlier access to hands-on experience. It is set to be instituted in the fall of 2009 for the graduating class of 2013.

According to Dr. Scott Epstein, the medical school's dean of educational affairs, the changes will shorten the first two years of the school's lecture-based approach by a quarter of a year and allow students to transfer into clerkships at the end of their second year. Under the old curriculum, students were not able to do this until the beginning of their third year.

Clerkships bring medical students into direct contact with patients through faculty supervision in a given area of practice.

"Students will understand right away what it's like to be a doctor," said Epstein, who chairs the steering committee that spearheaded the curriculum change.

As such, he said that the revitalization of the curriculum will help the school keep up with the times.

"The skills I learned 25 years ago are not necessarily the skills needed now," he said.

While other medical schools have adapted their curricula out of necessity, Tufts is making changes from a position of strength and because they are the appropriate next steps, Epstein said.

Currently, he said that students that graduate from Tufts "do extraordinarily well" and the changes will help keep it that way.

"We want Tufts students to continue to thrive," he said.

A highlight of the new curriculum will be the earlier exposure of students to more topics that are specific to their career interests.

"All students feel a great deal of pressure because of a lack of exposure to their specialty," said Dr. Amy Kuhlik, the medical school's dean of student affairs.

Another significant aspect of the program is the creation of what Epstein calls "learning communities." These will consist of four groups of students interacting with professors, who will have an increased role as advisors.

Epstein said this group learning follows the trend of medicinal education as it moves away from courses heavily dominated by lectures.

He also emphasized that the new curriculum will enhance the school's community service requirement by providing more opportunities for global health care work.

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New committee to give advice to trustees on Tufts' endowment

BY BEN GITTLESON
Contributing Writer

Tufts students are working to form a committee that would give them input on how the university handles its \$1.2 billion endowment. And they hope to have it assembled by the middle of next month.

Concerned about the failing grade that the university received last winter in transparency from the Sustainable Endowments Institute and unsettled by the chance that some university funds might be used to support abusive governments, the students have long wanted to know exactly where the endowment is invested.

To that end, members of the Tufts Coalition for Endowment Transparency and Democracy (TCETD) obtained approval last year from the Board of Trustees to form a committee to increase student knowledge about the endowment.

While the coalition became somewhat defunct after this, sophomore Gabe Frumkin and juniors Liz Gross and Nicole Zeller have continued to work on organizing the committee. Earlier this month, they brought their plans before the Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate.

Tufts currently does not make any information about its holdings available to the public, a practice that, according to university officials, is common at other institutions and is designed to protect the university's invest-

ments and potential returns.

"The Board of Trustees has adopted a policy of confidentiality in order to maintain the integrity of the university's proprietary investment choices and strategies," Patricia Campbell, Tufts' executive vice president, said in an e-mail.

In many cases, the university puts money into commingled funds along with a number of other organizations, so Tufts officials do not control the investments and are contractually prohibited from disclosing certain statistics.

"Rather than risk violating [a non-disclosure agreement] or diminishing a source of attractive return by sharing a proprietary strategy with the marketplace, we do not disclose specific investments," Campbell said.

University President Lawrence Bacow said that while he appreciates the interest in the subject, students are beneficiaries rather than directors of the endowment.

"The responsibility that the university has is to the donors that have entrusted the funds to us," he said.

As such, he said that donors must be the ones to determine where the money is invested and that the trustees are the ones that need to speak for the donors.

"They're a great proxy for the donors because they are all major donors themselves," he said.

But students involved in the transparency

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Students represent candidates in mock debate sponsored by Dems

BY JAMIE BOLOGNA
Daily Editorial Board

All of the Democratic candidates for the White House debated the salient campaign issues in Sophia Gordon Hall last night.

At least that was the intent of the Tufts Democrats, who sponsored a mock debate during which students played the roles of politicians.

Each participant fielded questions from moderator Brian Agler, who asked about healthcare reform, the Iraq war and gun control.

Agler, a freshman, kicked off the debate by asking Hillary Clinton how she would fare against a social moderate like Rudy Giuliani.

"I don't consider him to be a moderate on anything; he supports an attack on Iran, he supports continuing the war in Iraq and he doesn't support universal healthcare," said junior Sofia Nelson, in character as Hillary Clinton.

"I've been a target of the vast right-wing conspiracy for a long time now, but I've got my battle scars, and I don't think getting moderates and independents to vote for me will be a problem," she said.

When asked about his recent comments on the legalization of marijuana, sophomore Melissa Jones as Connecticut Senator Chris Dodd responded that he does not support "the full legalization" of the drug.

In one of the many laughter-provoking



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Mike Sternberg, Will Ehrenfeld, Daniel Enking and Shelby Deeney participated in the debate last night.

responses made by former Alaska Senator Mike Gravel, played by junior Christine Mumma, the senator admitted to using marijuana.

"I personally smoke marijuana," Mumma said as Gravel. "It is ridiculous to have people sitting in jail for something that shouldn't be a criminal act."

A rambunctious Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich, represented by freshman Mike Steinberg, stressed the need for medical treatment for drug users.

"In a Kucinich White House, we're going to clear the prisons and get people the help they need," he said.

Agler then asked both former South Carolina Senator John Edwards and current New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson (A '70,

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Most Massachusetts politicians still haven't picked a candidate to back

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Neal said that he had conversations with other campaigns, but most were not expecting his support. "I think they all pretty much knew where I was going from the beginning," he said.

State Rep. Lida Harkins (D), the majority whip and a Hillary Clinton supporter, said that many Massachusetts politicians and residents feel close to the Clintons.

"[There's] a lot of fondness basically for both of them," she said. "People know them and they like them."

While many state-level politicians are still undecided, Harkins said she has noticed that a number of her female colleagues are aligning themselves with Hillary.

"It's early — some people have chosen not to endorse yet. But I know in terms of my female colleagues, some of them who were reluctant to endorse early are now beginning to come over and endorse Hillary," she said.

This support for Clinton is not unexpected, according to

Democratic strategist and political science lecturer Michael Goldman.

"It's fair to say, as is always the case, the frontrunner gets the most endorsements," he said.

But these endorsements have not meant that other candidates have been ignored. Goldman said that Obama, Sen. Chris Dodd (D-Conn.) and Sen. Joe Biden (D-Del.) also have in-state support bases. One notable Obama backer has been Alan Solomont, a Democratic fundraiser who teaches at Tufts' Experimental College. He previously supported Bill Clinton and Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.).

While Goldman backs former Sen. John Edwards (D-N.C.), he said that Patrick's support for Obama makes sense.

"When Gov. Patrick was running and when he was ... far behind his Democratic primary opponents, Barack Obama, who was at the peak of his ... popularity, came in not once but twice in support of Patrick," he said.

At the time, this was a risky move for Obama. "Barack Obama came in before he knew that Patrick was

going to win and more importantly when many people felt that Patrick was going to be easily defeated," Goldman said.

As such, he said that yesterday's endorsement was an example of "fair play."

Patrick formerly worked at the Justice Department under Bill Clinton, so many have attributed the governor's support for Obama to racial considerations.

Goldman said that this is an unfair conclusion. While the former president did campaign for Patrick, it was only after he had won the gubernatorial primary. As a result, Goldman said that Patrick has stronger ties to Obama.

"It's a mistake to think that the reason that Patrick is with Obama is that they are both black," he said.

Now that Obama's campaign has secured Patrick's support, it will try to use it as a springboard for its in-state efforts. But it is still unclear how much political capital the endorsement will give Obama's candidacy.

"I don't know that any one endorsement is that important. So does it cross the threshold of sig-

nificance?" Glaser asked of Patrick's support. "Probably not, but there's a little message in it, I think."

Goldman said that endorsements mostly serve to give candidates some media attention, although they do not necessarily lead to an upswing in support.

"What it gives you is an opportunity to get another brief moment of political daylight," he said.

They can also provide candidates with structural resources.

"I think it's helpful in terms of building an organization, but I think it's difficult to transfer your own popularity to other candidates," Harkins said.

These organizational benefits are largely what Psaki sees as the potential fruits of Patrick's nod.

"Ultimately, what's important here is this campaign is not just about endorsements," she said. "It's about encouraging people to play an active role."

Since the governor is providing more than a "check-the-box endorsement," Psaki is optimistic that such encouragement will stem from his support.

Even if endorsements can bring about this backing, most Bay State politicians have so far opted to stay out of the fray.

Massachusetts Sens. John Kerry (D) and Ted Kennedy (D) are both uncommitted, as are a number of state legislators and the majority the state's U.S. representatives.

"I haven't seen much involvement in the presidential race so far," Republican State Sen. Scott Brown (LA '81), who is backing Mitt Romney, said in an e-mail.

Still, he said that many politicians have already formed personal opinions. "Most Democrats I know are leaning toward Hillary or Obama but have not formally endorsed anyone," he said.

According to Goldman, even those who have committed themselves to a candidate would in most cases have no problem supporting whoever makes it through the primaries.

"This is about the strongest field of Democratic candidates that I've ever seen," he said.

Students give input on new curriculum

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In the years after Dr. Michael Rosenblatt, the medical school's dean, proposed changes to the curriculum in 2003, students have been heavily involved in the process. Seventeen committees were formed, and of the 200 people that served on them, around 65 were students.

Fourth-year medical student Justin Ko, who served on the Class Education Curriculum Committee, said he is excited about the changes.

"I wish I were coming in as a new first year student when the new curriculum starts," he said. "It sounds like a very exciting way to train future physicians for the future of medicine."

He said that the changes will make the curriculum more relevant for students. "From day one, students will be treated as future physicians in training," he said. "They will truly enjoy the experience."

Parts of the new curriculum have already been implemented this year. For example, students have displayed an increased dedication to global health with trips to India and Africa.

Epstein said that it makes sense to move forward even before the 2009 start date.

"Why wait two years to do this?" he asked.

Students hope committee will serve educational purpose

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effort said that their goal is not to decrease the profitability of the endowment.

"We want it to be prosperous, but to do so with a social conscience," Zeller said.

And Frumkin said the group would be fine with only examining, at least at first, investments of which the university has direct control. He said that the committee might eventually look into commingled funds, though.

The endowment transparency effort gained steam last year as a way of extending Tufts' general appreciation of active citizenship.

The soon-to-be-formed committee will be the result of this concern and is expected to include five students, three faculty or staff members, one alumnus and one administrator.

Frumkin, Gross and Zeller will be three of the students, and Neva Goodwin, the co-director of Tufts' Global Development and Environment Institute (GDAE), is on board as well.

According to Frumkin, student interest so far has been high, but "we've not been having as much success with faculty, alumni and the administration."

When formed, the group would like to have a say in the proxy voting that Tufts does on some of its investments. Information would therefore be made available to them

by the Board of Trustees and they would be subject to a non-disclosure agreement.

Frumkin said this would go a long way in increasing students' knowledge about the university's holdings.

"Endowment democracy is more people having more say in how the endowment is managed in terms of socially-responsible ownership," he said.

As a result, according to students involved in its planning stages, the advisory committee will aim to ensure that the university makes socially-conscientious decisions about how it invests.

"At its very root, this whole idea functions off the idea that Tufts ... has some responsibilities as a civics-minded institution," Frumkin said.

In order to become members of the planned advisory committee, students will have to participate in an application process run by the TCU Senate, a stipulation created by the Board of Trustees.

According to TCU President Neil DiBiase, the Senate will be working with Campbell and the trustees to decide on a formal process.

"We're all anxious to get started on this," he said.

Sophomore Adam Kornetsky, a TCU Senate liaison to the Board of Trustees, shared DiBiase's excitement.

"I'd like to definitely see the committee

[formulated] by the end of the semester," he said.

Kornetsky hopes that the committee will be able to keep the student body informed of its actions, possibly through reports to the Senate.

Apart from its role as social-activism force, the committee would also serve as a learning experience for those involved.

"The trustees believe this will be a valuable educational channel for students," Campbell said.

Frumkin said that the committee's educational factor should allay any concerns over it becoming overly-politicized, and that members of the committee should address all sides of any controversial issues that arise.

"We have to remember that Tufts is an educational institution," he said. "What we want to do with this committee is an immensely educational opportunity."

Ultimately, though, the committee would aim to guarantee that the university does not ignore what its supporters consider to be its social obligations.

"What do you want your endowment to say other than that you make money?" Gross asked. "To not have the endowment reflect [social issues] at all ... could be really hypocritical."

Rob Silverblatt contributed reporting to this article.

"Candidates" discuss war, gay rights in mock debate between Democrat hopefuls

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F '71) to comment on civil unions and gay marriage.

Edwards, represented by senior Shelby Deeney, said marriage is between one man and one woman. "I do believe in civil unions for our gay brothers and sisters," Deeney said in a South Carolina accent.

Sophomore Daniel Enkind, who played Richardson, made light of recent comments the governor made during the Human Rights Campaign debate, during which he misunderstood a question and said

that being gay is a choice.

"I was little jet-lagged during that debate," Enkind said, prompting laughter. "Being gay is something that is a very important part of American society, and it is something you're born with."

Illinois Senator Barack Obama, represented by sophomore Will Ehrenfeld, said the government shouldn't be involved with marriages, citing his strong religious convictions.

His response prompted Agler to ask Dodd about the role religion plays in his life, leading to a dis-

cussion of Supreme Court appointments.

Ehrenfeld, responding to a question about using *Roe v. Wade* as a litmus test, said Obama would "appoint people to the Supreme Court who view the Constitution as a living and breathing document."

Edwards, with Deeney responding again in the Southern twang, said he "would never ever appoint a Supreme Court justice who would overturn *Roe v. Wade*."

At various points throughout the debate, members of the audience got the opportunity to ask the can-

didates questions, although most inquiries were only for comedic value.

When asked by an audience member why she wasn't wearing a flag lapel pin, Nelson responded as Clinton, saying it doesn't "complement coral very well."

Finally addressing what he called the "gorilla in the room," Agler asked the candidates about the Iraq war.

All the candidates explained their respective plans, ranging from immediate withdrawal to slow diplomatic discussions. At certain points, the exchanges got rather

heated.

"I was a senator in New York when those towers came down," said Nelson as Clinton, responding to an attack by Ehrenfeld about her support for the Iraq war. "I did not vote for the war."

The debate was also peppered with outbursts from Gravel, and at one point, an audience member heckled Obama on his voting record, prompting Agler to call for crowd control.

"Can someone tase him please?" Agler asked, requesting the removal of the questioner.

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WEATHER FORECAST

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Wednesday, October 24

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Morning Showers
60/42

Sunday



Showers
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Mostly Cloudy
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Sunny
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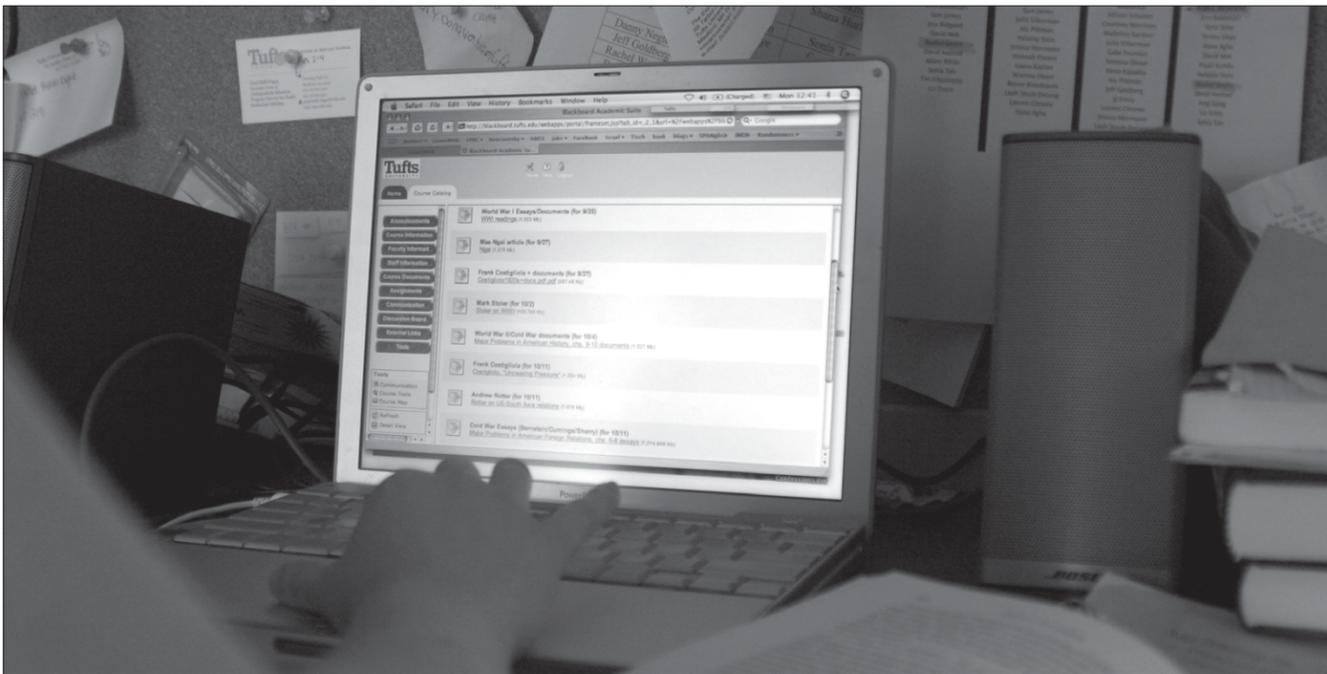
"Can someone tase him, please?"

Brian Agler
freshman, debate moderator
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While course sites services like Blackboard Academic Suite allow professors to organize and disseminate class materials online, they also allow professors to monitor which students visit the site – and which do not.

Big Brother? Professors can track Blackboard usage

BY CARRIE BATTAN
Daily Editorial Board

When a group of students enters the classroom on midterm day, there is virtually no way for the professor to know who's been studying for weeks and which students cracked open their books for the first time the night before. Students can successfully follow the age-old tradition of academic procrastination and be judged solely by the final product.

Or can they?

With the advent of technology used by course Web sites like Blackboard Academic Suite or Moodle, it is possible for teachers to electronically monitor the frequency with which students visit course readings, syllabi or discussion boards. Professors nationwide are now integrating such tools into their means of evaluating students, and according to a September article in "The Chronicle of Higher Education," some are even using course Web sites to predict

which students need extra attention and which are likely to succeed.

Assistant Director of Instructional Services Neal Hirsig, who works with both Blackboard and the professors who use it, explained that professors at Tufts are able to see which students have visited the class site and which have read the posted announcements. Several years ago, they were also able to monitor exactly which students were viewing files and assignments, but a program glitch currently prevents this function from running successfully.

Blackboard usage has increased over the past few years, Hirsig said. Now, most professors use the site as a tool for disseminating information to classes and making materials easily accessible to students.

"We have about 3,000 course sites on Blackboard, and about 700 of those are active in one semester," Hirsig said. "[And] we have about 300 sites that aren't course sites but are used for organizations on campus, study groups et cetera."

But with increased access to notes and readings has come an increased potential for professors to monitor their students' work outside of the classroom. While some students and professors hail the technology as beneficial, others worry that their usage statistics on the site could misrepresent their actual effort in the course.

English Department Chair Lee Edelman said he uses Blackboard to directly correspond with and monitor his students' participation through the site's discussion board. He requires his students to participate in a discussion forum each week.

"Part of the responsibility of the students of the class is to contribute to the discussion forum weekly," he said. "If they have not contributed, it is evident that they haven't ... It's great to have a space where students are expected to check in on a regular basis, and it becomes possible to post additional material, to give students links to outside

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Tufts is no exception to college obesity trend

BY CHARLOTTE STEINWAY
Daily Staff Writer

It appears that college students' penchant for fast food and sleeping in may finally be catching up to them. According to a recent study conducted by the American College Health Association, nearly three out of every 10 college students are considered overweight or obese.

Although Massachusetts is regarded as a state with one of the healthiest populations in the nation, Jennifer Sackeck, an assistant professor at the Friedman School of Nutrition's John Hancock Center, said that Tufts students do not stray far from the national obesity trend.

"After coordinating our annual Tufts Longitudinal Health Survey, we found that a pretty good percentage of Tufts students, according to their body mass indexes, would be considered overweight," Sackeck said.

The survey looked at a variety of different ways of quantifying student health, including "health behaviors, as well as fitness and anthropometrics testing and a blood draw," Sackeck said. The results indicated that about one-quarter of the Tufts students surveyed were considered overweight.

The trend, both at Tufts and otherwise, can partially be ascribed to a simultaneous national increase in childhood obesity. But not all of the blame can be placed on lifestyle habits developed by children before college, given that most students actually gain weight within their first year liv-



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While increased alcohol consumption and late-night bingeing may lead students to gain weight at college, Tufts nutritionist Julie Lampie said that Jumbo-sized dining hall meals are the most likely cause.

ing on campus.

This phenomenon is known colloquially as the "freshman 15," but according to Dr. Julie Lampie, registered dietitian and nutritionist for Dining Services, students generally gain less weight than the term suggests.

"The 'freshman 15' is somewhat of a misnomer — the weight gain usually tends to be more like six pounds, which, although lower, still indicates

a change in dietary habits and physical fitness upon coming to college," Lampie said.

Changes in dietary habits can result from factors like late-night pizza binges and increased alcohol consumption, she said, but they are most likely the result of on-campus dining options.

"The typical freshman weight gain

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DEVIN TOOHEY | BANGERS AND MASH



*There's no place like ...
Huh?*

October is drawing to a close, which means one thing: Halloween!

Unfortunately, a downside to being abroad is that the wonderful American culture of over-commercialization is subdued or, even worse, non-existent.

Thankfully, if you look hard enough in London, you can find tacky jack-o-lanterns, campy witches and "This is Halloween" from "The Nightmare Before Christmas" (1993) on endless loop.

One such example is the London Dungeon, a terror-themed park with exhibits offering the chance to sit in Sweeney Todd's barber chair or get hanged in Newgate Prison. It's the perfect cure to the "missing Halloween" blues.

So a bunch of us Tufts-in-Londoners got ourselves on the Underground and before we knew it, we were waiting in line (or queue as they say over here) for two hours for a good ol' cheesy tourist trap.

That last sentence is what led my mind, as I stood in the queue alongside families vacationing on their fall breaks from every place from the United States to Germany to Japan, to wonder: what am I? Not in the metaphysical, philosophical sense though. In the simple way of, "Am I a tourist or not a tourist?"

On one hand, I am naturally beginning to feel a little like a Londoner, and this place is becoming home for me. I have a pretty general idea of the Underground system and don't need to look at a map most of the time. I know where to buy groceries (though I heard everyone rave about Tesco's before coming here, any Londoner will tell you that Sainsburys, with its 20 pence cans of veggies and soup, reigns supreme) and have regular haunts. I've gone to places a tourist wouldn't think to go and can nonchalantly walk by Trafalgar Square without giving it a second look.

But does all of that really make me not a tourist? Because, despite the last paragraph, I still do maintain a lot of tourist tendencies.

Aside from London Dungeon, this weekend saw me going to the top of St. Paul's Cathedral, taking a picture with a royal guard, and being pretty blown away by the Houses of Parliament, among other things. Any Saturday that I am in London, I feel the need to go out and explore the city, to see something new, to find another landmark and prove to myself that it actually exists and isn't just the product of a vast conspiracy by history and travel books.

Perhaps I'm in a state of limbo between being a tourist and a resident. Sometimes I have traits of both, even when the two should, in theory, conflict. There are days when I look the wrong direction before crossing the street and have to jump back before a Smart car turns me into the inside of a mincemeat pie.

However, when I was in Munich recently, I found myself thinking, "Huh, the cars are driving on the wrong side of the street," before shortly realizing that they were driving the way cars do back in the States. When an American lecturer came in to speak to my Chaucer class, I found her accent both wonderfully familiar and strangely disorienting.

Right now, I don't know if I'll ever feel completely at home, yet at the same time, I find myself identifying with this city more and more every day. I'll laugh at the tourists as they give perplexed stares to the maps in their hands, and then proceed to wander off to the British Museum or London Eye.

But in the end, I guess that's what studying abroad is all about: learning about different cultures as both a spectator and an insider, seeing both the monumental and the everyday.

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Staying fit at college requires balance

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is usually due to an increased access to food, especially because of the unlimited meal plan," Lampie said. "It also has to do with the increased variety in food options, which many of us didn't have at home."

Freshman weight gain can also be a result of emotional issues.

"The typical freshman five- to six-pound weight gain at Tufts can be attributed to a bunch of different factors, which often vary by the student's gender," said Sacheck. "[In our study], we tend to focus on how stressful factors would lead to weight gain."

But while most freshmen do gain some weight when they first come to college, in many cases the increase tends to either level off or reverse by the following year.

"The trend tends to be that students gain weight when they start college, but then usually lose the weight gained during that first summer back home, which causes them to make better choices upon returning for their sophomore year," Lampie said.

Sacheck said that more informed students may not wait until sophomore year to begin focusing on their nutritional health.

"Whenever I present nutritional information to incoming college freshmen, each year they tend to know more and more about nutrition. Students are more informed and have a lot more awareness than they used to," Sacheck said.

Lampie said that, as a whole, Tufts students try to make healthy lifestyle choices at college.

"I really feel like there is a trend on campus where students are choosing healthier options; people's intentions tend to be typically good," Lampie said.

An example of this upward trend can be portrayed in the recent additions of certain nutrition-based clubs and initiatives on campus. One group in particular, Food Talk, which originated at the end of last year, has been holding a number of events to educate students about ways to approach the college lifestyle in a healthy manner.

"The Food Talk club started as a way for students to connect with Dining Services to voice their opinions and find ways to improve health on campus," said sophomore Arielle Carpenter, the club's founder. "We've generated a lot of interest so far this year, but we're always open to accepting new members — anyone is welcome."

In addition to educating students about healthy food and lifestyle choices, the club has also worked with Dining Services to evaluate the options available to students.

"The dining halls are doing a great job at providing the student body with

healthy options, but we could improve the overall health of our campus by reducing the amount of fried food available, as well as educating students about the healthier alternatives," Carpenter said.

Of course, even if students become more educated about the benefits of healthier food options, it doesn't mean they will stop eating the foods that they so often crave.

"We try to have healthy options for students at the dining halls. We always have three different vegetables available at Dewick; we have a plethora of choices in terms of fruit, and recently we've made grilled chicken available at both lunch and dinner," Lampie said. "However, our top two items [among students] are still fried chicken fingers and mozzarella sticks."

While students will likely never stop eating fried food, Lampie said, having more healthy choices in the dining halls is still important.

"The more variety of healthy options that are provided, the higher the chances are that those options will be consumed," Lampie said. "I really do think there is a movement toward students making healthy choices when eating at the dining hall. One trend is the increased consumption of fruits and vegetables, as well as a higher demand for whole-grain foods."

In addition to the desire to eat healthier, many students see an equal desire amongst their peers to stay physically fit.

"All my friends at Tufts are pretty active; we all do some sort of sport, whether varsity, intramural or otherwise," freshman Jack Irmas said.

According to Lampie, there are a variety of other options at Tufts in terms of maintaining physical activity.

"Students are undoubtedly using the fitness center, and I know the [freshman pre-orientation] F.I.T. program has definitely expanded," Lampie said.

Carpenter agreed: "I think that people have a desire to work out and go to the gym; you also always see people walking and biking to class," she said.

Lampie said that, between improved fitness and constant additions of healthy dining options, obesity is far from an epidemic here at Tufts despite the findings of the Longitudinal Health Survey.

"Yes, there are students who would be considered overweight, but I don't tend to see students who would be considered obese. Of course, there are isolated cases, but overall, as a campus, obesity is definitely not an issue," Lampie said.

As with students on all college campus, Sacheck said, Jumbos must find an equilibrium that will help them keep fit.

"Staying healthy at Tufts is a balancing act," Sacheck said.

Professors see Blackboard as just one indicator of student performance

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resources that will address questions that have come up."

But Edelman said that certain facets of course Web sites, such as the ability to see whether his students have electronically accessed readings, do not have an impact on grading.

"It is possible through the software available to see whether students have accessed the course reading, but that factor alone will not affect the students' grades," he said. "The failure to perform tasks that are obligatory will affect the grade."

For some professors, a student's traffic to the site may influence their grading decisions. Senior Bruni Hirsch, who is currently taking a class at the Fletcher School, said her professor e-mailed students to let them know she'd be monitoring how often they use the course Web site.

"Initially, I viewed it as an invasion of privacy," she said. "[But] so far, it's only benefited me." Hirsch said that because of her professor's use of monitoring tools, she has been more motivated to stay on top of course work.

According to Sociology Lecturer Dwight Fee, who recently taught a course at Northeastern University completely via Blackboard, monitoring tools can be deceptive in assessing students' work. He said he prefers classroom interaction as opposed to electronic correspondence with students, and that he refrains from using the monitoring tools as means of evaluation.

"In the context of [a student] being a limited Blackboard user, I wouldn't [use site monitoring for assessing grades], and I don't see the value of doing that," he said. "Couldn't the people just be online and then leave it there? How do you measure effort, how do you measure creativity if you're going to use those kinds of criteria? That would not be a useful assessment device."

Senior Sara Lindholm, who only recently

discovered her teachers' ability to view her Blackboard habits, also pointed out flaws in the practice of electronically tracking students' use of course Web sites.

"It kind of freaks me out, because I'm very last-minute with my assignments," she said. "I don't want my professors to think I'm doing a worse job because I'm turning them in the morning they're due."

Fee agreed, and said that his students' use of Blackboard does not play a role in his predictions of their success.

"I'm glad I know Blackboard. There's a certain measure of control that I'm glad I have over it," he said. "[But I evaluate my students on] effort and engagement as reflected in communication with professors: their overall level of engagement with the course material ... It would really scare me if we reduced [learning] to quantitative measurements of a format that's electronically mediated."

Despite the privacy concerns, though, Hirsch said a Blackboard faculty survey he conducts every two years shows that both students and faculty members have been increasingly pleased with the software.

In 2006, 94 percent of professors surveyed reported that they were "generally satisfied with the functionality of the Blackboard software," and 93 percent reported that their students seemed satisfied as well.

Two years earlier, in 2004, 94 percent of professors surveyed reported that they were satisfied with the site. But only 54 percent said their students "seem to encounter very few problems in accessing and using my Blackboard site."

Junior and TCU Senate President Neil DiBiase said he supports the use of digital coursework tracking along with digital correspondence between students and teachers.

"As long as they [professors] let students know they've implemented that feature, it's fair," he said. "Any time Blackboard can be brought into the classroom, it's fair. To me, it's not any different than having to e-mail an assignment to a professor."



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A Surface Warfare Officer, Admiral Stavridis commanded the Destroyer USS Barry (DDG-52) from 1993-1995, completing deployments to Haiti, Bosnia, and the Arabian Gulf. Barry won the Battenberg Cup as the top ship in the Atlantic Fleet under his command.

In 1998, he commanded Destroyer Squadron 21 and deployed to the Arabian Gulf, winning the Navy League's John Paul Jones Award for Inspirational Leadership.

From 2002-2004, Admiral Stavridis commanded Enterprise Carrier Strike Group, conducting combat operations in the Arabian Gulf in support of both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

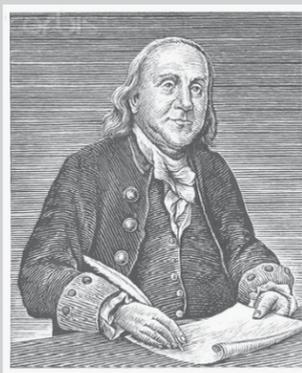
Ashore, the Admiral has served as a strategic and long range planner on the staffs of the Chief of Naval Operations and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. At the start of the Global War on Terror, he was selected as the Director of the Navy Operations Group, DEEP BLUE. He has also served as the Executive Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy and the Senior Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense.

Admiral Stavridis earned a PhD and MALD from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy 1984, where he won the Gullion Prize as outstanding student. He is also a distinguished graduate of both the Naval and National War Colleges.

He holds various decorations and awards, including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal and five awards of the Legion of Merit. He is author or co-author of several books on naval shiphandling and leadership, including "Command at Sea."

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ALBUM REVIEW

Jimmy's 'Light' shines, but not like 'American'

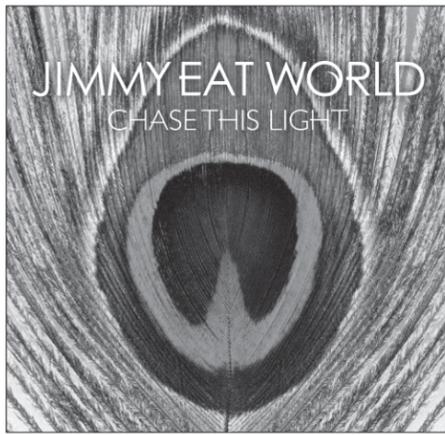
BY GRANT BEIGHLEY
Daily Editorial Board

There are few bands left in the world today that are just generic, good rock bands. Jimmy Eat World bears the burden

Chase This Light
Jimmy Eat World

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Interscope Records



Oh, I see it now. It's sailboat, right?

of being one of those bands and unfortunately, the group is constantly plagued with critics and fans attempting to brand them with a label.

That said, Jimmy Eat World's latest release, "Chase This Light" on Interscope Records, is another step in the right direction from a band that believes in taking its time to do things right. The band's last release prior to "Light" was 2004's "Futures," an incredibly underrated album that failed to follow up the chart

success of the breakout 2001 hit "Bleed American."

Jimmy Eat World's various albums have teetered along the lines of many genres, from emo to pop. Admirably, the band has consistently recorded good old rock

albums that reflect the group's collective feeling and state of being during production rather than the cravings of their fan base.

Based on previous releases, "Chase This Light," could have gone in two very different directions. The band could have either made another amazingly dark album or opted for a more commercially successful remake of "Bleed American." Luckily, the band chose to do what every band should always do when making a record: record the songs you like.

The history of Jimmy Eat World is constantly plagued with success, both in the popular market as well as the underground scene. The band's 1999 record "Clarity" was an immense hit with the subdued Sunny Day Real Estate rock crowd, with the song "For Me This is Heaven" rapidly becoming a cult classic.

"Clarity" wasn't a pretty record on the surface, and it followed that it was unsuccessful in the charts, leading to the

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VIDEO GAME REVIEW

'Stranglehold' mixes acrobatics with annihilation

BY RYAN MCDUGALL
Contributing Writer

With its artsy combat and smooth gameplay, "John Woo Presents Stranglehold" is a high-paced shooter with style — and

John Woo Presents Stranglehold
Tiger Hill Entertainment

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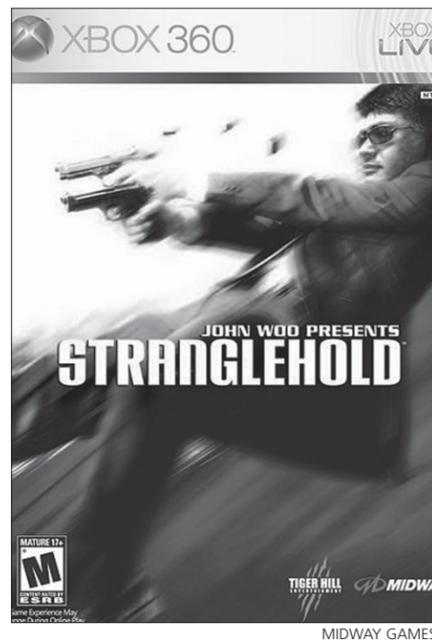
the game from most pedestrian detective mysteries.

"Stranglehold" is billed as the spiritual sequel to "Hard Boiled," the 1992 cult classic film directed by John Woo. Chow Yun Fat returns to voice his character, Inspector Tequila Yuen, a detective who has more in common with Rambo than Sherlock Holmes.

The first level of the game takes place in a "bad part of town." In "Stranglehold," this should be taken to mean that literally every door hides several gun-wielding mobsters. Tequila's most effective counter is a blend of sliding down rails, leaping over tables and diving head-first off ledges — all while constantly firing at the stream of encroaching bad guys.

All of this action is made possible by "Tequila Time," a gameplay mechanism Midway comically describes as "revolutionary." Tequila Time is, in every way, precisely the same as "Bullet Time" from 2001's "Max Payne." It allows you to slow down time as you perform in the game's acrobatic firefights. That said, a disingen-

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Based on the John Woo cult classic "Hard Boiled," "Stranglehold" offers lots of bad guys with no explanation necessary.

ON-CAMPUS PREVIEW

Double-degree recital to provide double the fun at Distler

BY NAOMI BRYANT
Daily Editorial Board

For a small number of musically inclined students, Tufts is only half of their college experience. The five-year Tufts University-New England Conservatory (NEC) double-degree program allows students to pursue both a liberal arts education and their respective musical interests.

This Friday, double-degree students will present the first cross-program recital ever to be held at Tufts. The musical performances will span a variety of genres, but the centerpiece of the evening will be the first-ever completely double-degree jazz band.

Jason Yeager, a junior studying international relations at Tufts and jazz performance at NEC, initially conceived of a double-degree

performance last year as a "response to the beautiful new music facility at Tufts" and the fact that the program's jazz musicians "finally had the right instrumentation for a group."

Yeager then took his idea to Ryan Saunders, the Granoff Center's event producer and publicist, who expanded the recital in the hopes of "really making it a celebration of the double-degree program."

"The students are really serious and passionate about music, and I think the recital will give the wider community a chance to hear young musicians doing what they love to do," Yeager said.

When Yeager approached other double-degree students with the possibility of a recital, they were enthusiastic.

"There are only about 14 to 16 people in the program, and I think almost every one of

them will be performing at the recital," said Emily Markoe, a junior majoring in sociology at Tufts and classical vocal performance at NEC.

Most of the students were excited to perform on the Medford campus where many people are unaware of the double-degree program and have never heard a double-degree recital.

"I have a lot of friends who don't know what I do at the Conservatory all the time," Markoe said, "I'm really excited to perform for my friends who don't get a chance to hear me sing. [The recital] is a great way to learn about NEC musicians."

Students agree that the double-degree program is difficult, and they often feel that

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China Road

Before coming to China, I had many goals.

With two months to prepare, I planned on re-learning a year of Mandarin that had seemed to go in one ear and out the other. I had four or five guide books to read and tons of shopping to do before I would feel prepared. Needless to say, I did none of these things.

The only relatively China-related thing I did this summer was read "China Road: A Journey into the Future of a Rising Power" by NPR Correspondent Rob Gifford.

Like many of you, I had my Kerouac phase (which I may or may not have outgrown) and an extended road trip is definitely on my imagined list of things to do before I die. So when I saw Gifford interviewed on Book TV on CSPAN-2 (just kidding, it was the Daily Show), I knew I had to have it. The book is about a 3,000 mile road trip from Shanghai across the entire country of China along what used to be the famous Silk Road, but is now known as Route 312.

Gifford makes a lot of comparisons between Route 312 and America's Route 66, and there is some validity here. They are both "routes," for one. Route 66 goes from a major city, Chicago, through a desert and ends at the lovely Pacific coast. Route 312 begins in a major city as well, traverses the Gobi desert, and ends up in ... um ... Kazakhstan. Did you know that China bordered Kazakhstan? I sure didn't. I think Gifford's main fault was that he got the road trip thing backwards. You're supposed to start off in the Kazakh wasteland and flee toward civilization, not the other way around. I guess that's what you get when you trust a British guy to take a road trip.

If you're like me, when you get a new nonfiction book you immediately flip to the middle to see if there are any pictures. The first picture I found got me very excited for Shanghai: the new branch of Hooters, with Chinese businessmen and Hooters girls dancing on a table. If you'd previously asked me what would be the American restaurant chain least likely to succeed in China, Hooters would be at the top of my list for various practical and sociological reasons. Gifford was equally intrigued, as Hooters was one of the few restaurants he mentions during his entire stay in Shanghai.

The theme of the book is that China is at a "crossroads," a little on the corny side for my tastes, but this observation rings true in all of Gifford's studies and interviews. On one hand, China has the potential to become a global power unmatched by any other country in the world, but on the other, children are taught to leave any and all political thoughts to the Communist party officials. On one hand, the country's GDP has been growing at nearly 10 percent for quite some time, but at the same time, the country's inequality has reached nearly unsustainable levels.

This book, however, is no lecture on geopolitics and macroeconomics. It's more of a snapshot of a country that is changing so quickly that the information is probably outdated by now. The road trip makes the story easy to read, but what I appreciated most was Gifford's weaving of narrative and history, giving people like me, who had never studied China in depth before, a complete understanding of the significance of everything else he covers. This book is a great read for anyone remotely interested in international affairs. So, unless you're one of the three or four people at Tufts who aren't, this is something to check out.

Mike Adams is a junior majoring in international relations. He can be reached at michael.j.adams@tufts.edu.

Rave for refugees at Oxfam this Thursday

This Thursday, Oct. 25, Oxfam Café will be transformed into a rave — with a save-the-world twist.

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Hit or miss album is latest chapter in band's identity crisis

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band being dropped by Capitol Records soon after the release.

With "Bleed American" and the massive success of the single "The Middle," Jimmy Eat World was presented with a decision: to go pop, or to not go pop. "Bleed American" showcased a happier Jimmy Eat World, but the band didn't reach to make the sound more accessible; the album just happened to reflect the good state of events in songwriter Jim Adkins' life.

2004 saw the release of "Futures," the long-awaited follow up to "Bleed American," and many were severely disappointed in the album in its first few months. "Futures" is a dark, sad and depressing album. The album cover art perfectly sums up what the album is about: a man standing alone in front of a dark and dusty payphone booth, unable to make whatever call he's contemplating. The first and most successful single from the album is fittingly called "Pain," and it is the happiest song on the record.

"Chase This Light" reflects yet another personality of the group. With most of the members of the band settling down with significant others and success finally becoming stable, lead singer Jim Adkins doesn't really have much to be down about, and it shows in the songwriting.

The first track on the album and first single, "Big Casino," has Adkins declaring, "I'm the one who gets away/ I'm a New Jersey success story," and he is.

"Catch This Light" plays like a swatch of paint samples. It progresses from happy to forlorn as the tracks move forward. The last



INTERSCOPE RECORDS

Apparently, bassist Rick Burch didn't get the memo that sweaters are so last year.

track, "Dizzy," is the shining star of the album, and the time put into its production and its placement in the album order signifies that the band knows it. "If everything I meant to you/ You can lick and seal and fold in two/ Then I've been so blind," croons Adkins.

"Chase This Light" is a celebration of the loss of love and the hope that, one day, we can lose it all again. Thus, the album can be best described by another line from "Dizzy": "This must be how it feels when the feeling goes away."

For those in the market for a quality rock album, heed this warning: When faced with the "Jimmy Eat World" section at Newbury Comics, spend the extra \$10 on "Futures" as well as "Chase This Light."

The next time someone steps on your heart, you'll be glad you did.

New game gives detective a 'stranglehold' over victims

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uous label doesn't stop Tequila Time from being a blast to use.

Throughout the course of "Stranglehold's" plot, Inspector Tequila will make stops all over the world, from Hong Kong to Chicago and back again. In every locale he visits, Tequila gets the chance to destroy virtually any part of the local scenery. If some gamers may be tempted to take cover and fight defensively, "Stranglehold's" fully destructible environments will put a stop to that. Allowing enemies to blow away anything Tequila might be able to stand behind forces the game to be played quickly.

Besides a body count — always in the triple figures — the game also reports the total property damage Tequila has caused, further encouraging the player to tear apart the beautifully rendered scenery.

At the end of every one of the game's seven chapters, Tequila is given a score card. Besides a body count — always in the triple figures — the game also reports the total property damage Tequila has caused, further encouraging the player to tear apart the beautifully rendered scenery.

The game's brand of stylistic gunfights is derived from its movie influences. Both the choreographed gunplay and insanely high body count of "Stranglehold" can be traced directly to its film origins. Unfortunately, compared to "Hard Boiled," "Stranglehold" does not do a particularly effective job of communicating the story behind the guns.

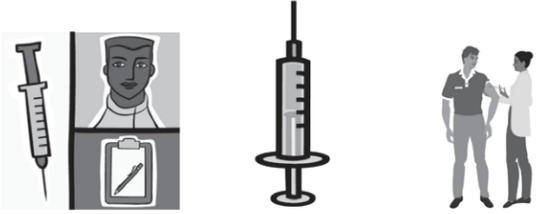
Between the slow-moving dialogue and the allure of more crazed gun-slinging, the cut-scenes are easily and usually eagerly skipped. This can leave the player in the Chicago Natural History Museum with no clue how he got there, suddenly facing an army of armed thugs.

The alternative is not much better. The plot is thin, and any close inspection leaves obvious questions. Watching thousands of enemies blast holes in their own homes with weapons they couldn't logically afford can only distract from the fun to be had in killing said enemies. Although flocks of white doves are a John Woo trademark, their presence is never explained either, further adding to the player's befuddlement.

Because the story does so little to support the gameplay, "Stranglehold" relies on an arcade game's appeal. The game has great graphics and supremely entertaining action; there is no need to understand who Tequila is shooting.

Although seeing an enemy live through thousands of bullet wounds may be distractingly far-fetched, it doesn't make shooting that enemy any less entertaining.

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A first-ever double-major recital at Distler will bridge the gap between the New England Conservatory and Tufts to introduce those who dabble in both.

Recital features jazz, strings

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they are torn between two worlds.

"It's difficult on a lot of levels: the logistical level as far as the commute and deciding between homework or practice, the social level because you have two sets of friends that never mix, and the psychological level, because most people who are in the program have some degree of indecision about what to pursue after graduation," said Ben Roseth, a fifth-year student soon to graduate with degrees in international relations and jazz performance.

Fortunately, the program's benefits seem to outweigh its hardships. Roseth said that his experience at Tufts "opened a door for [him] through international relations," while NEC allowed him to develop a "very close connection to people through music." Roseth, who plays alto saxophone, and bassist Bridget Kennedy, who will graduate this semester, are largely responsible for forming the jazz band set to per-

form this Friday.

"Bridget and I are kind of the mama and papa bear of the jazz band," Roseth said, "Last year it dawned on me that we had the personnel to make a full jazz band out of NEC and Tufts students. The group gets along very well at a personal and musical level."

The band will be performing original music which Yeager describes as "modern or contemporary jazz," incorporating the influence culture and experience have had on each of its members.

"There are a lot of cross-cultural references, but overall it's got a jazz sensibility. The pieces feature a lot of improvisation and spontaneity," Yeager said.

The jazz band will perform during the second half of the recital after several vocal pieces, piano pieces and a viola piece. The concert begins at 8 p.m. in Distler Performance Hall on Friday, and it is free and open to the public.

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EDITORIAL

Making cash clear

When it comes to money, it seems that a moral mess is never very far away. The current hubbub surrounding the transparency (or lack thereof) of Tufts' endowment is a clear example of what happens when practical financial affairs meet ethical concerns.

The impending creation of a committee of faculty, students, administrators and alumni to advise the Board of Trustees on the handling of Tufts' endowment will hopefully help our school manage its money in the most morally acceptable way possible.

We certainly applaud both the gumption of and the moral compass guiding students who are currently calling for more endowment transparency at Tufts. The Tufts Coalition for Endowment Transparency and Democracy (TCETD) is right to be concerned about the current amount of public disclosure of the university's endowment, which now sits

at a resounding zero percent.

While Tufts money is being poured into undisclosed locations, we have no way of knowing whether the dollars helping our school run smoothly are also boosting the finances of corrupt governments or unscrupulous corporations.

It's also relevant to consider whatever conception we may have of our university as a moral beacon. Education is rarely an objective enterprise, and college campuses often serve as breeding grounds for social movements.

That being said, it just isn't realistic to expect or to demand full transparency from those who manage Tufts' endowment. The university cannot remain an attractive entity for investors if we insist on meticulously spelling out, for all to see, the gory details of our investment strategies.

Furthermore, although the enthusi-

asm of TCETD is laudable, the organization must realize that it is not students' money making up the endowment. Should we really be looking gift horses in the mouth when donors give piles of money to our school?

As undergraduates at Tufts, it is often easy to lose sight of the fact that we are not the only constituents of this university. Not only is our school made up of numerous graduate programs, but there are also countless researchers among the faculty here. We aren't about to rely on a majority vote to decide how the endowment will be spent.

So how are we to reconcile these practical issues with the moral ones outlined above? The resolution from the Board of Trustees passed last May to create an advisory committee is a good place to start. We're pleased to see the university taking a practical step towards solving this problem.

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FEATURED WEB POSTS | LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I was dismayed to read Lydia Mitts' October 17th Features article entitled, "Kaplan study finds MCAT scores, grades are main determinants of medical school admission."

If you were writing an article on the efficacy of diet pills, would you base your article largely on the research that the diet pill manufacturer had done?

Although Ms. Mitts did not deem it necessary to contact me, I am glad to see that she at least contacted Prakhar Agarwal, President of the Pre-med Society. I am also delighted that Prakhar provided the mature, balanced perspective that the Kaplan study and the headline did not.

My main purpose in writing is to strongly underscore what Prakhar said and to assure pre-medical students that

it is NOT all about grades and MCATs.

Now, please do not misunderstand. It is certainly important to study hard and do well in your classes — all your classes — if you want to be a competitive medical school applicant. This has always been the case; this is not news. Also, a standardized test that provides a common denominator for all applicants is used in all academic admissions processes, whether it be the SAT, LSAT, GRE or other test. This test is also important.

But I do not want any student to think for one minute that this is the whole story. Medical schools across the board value students who take a leadership role, who reach out to others in need and who make a difference on their campuses, in the broader community or around the world.

For students, finding a balance is the key: putting in the time to do rea-

sonably well in your academic work but also making time to get involved. These students are the ideal candidates for medical school.

If you do not believe me, I hope you will come and hear Brenda Armstrong, M.D., dean of admissions at Duke Medical School, who is making a special trip to Boston to speak to Tufts students on Thursday, Nov. 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Armstrong and her school have been at the forefront of a movement that has been growing for the past 15 years to take a holistic and broad view of applicants and LOOK BEYOND THE NUMBERS.

Carol Baffi-Dugan
Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education
Program Director for Health Professions Advising

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Op-Ed

Green Driving: BioTour comes to Tufts

BY HEATHER BUCKNER

I cannot seem to pick up a newspaper these days without coming across some new terrifying statistic about alternative energy and global warming. I do not know about anyone else, but such predictions have tended to steer me towards hopelessness. The relentless obstacles and red tape seem to imply that nothing can really be done to solve these momentous problems.

Well, as one might imagine, I do not enjoy this line of thought one bit. Should we simply admit defeat, because the alternative seems too difficult? Should we blind ourselves to reality, sit around, and wait for inevitable destruction? Somehow, I began to realize that there has to be a more desirable solution. In my desperate struggle to figure it all out, I decided to join Tufts Environmental Consciousness Outreach (ECO).

After making an anonymous, "back-corner" appearance at a few meetings, I eventually concluded that it is the work that groups like this are doing that really have a bearing on causing change.

If every person recycles, if everyone turns off lights, if everyone drives a little less and ditch their gas guzzling SUVs, it really will actually make a big difference, believe it or not. This is why I joined the campaign to encourage alternative energy in Tufts vehicles.

In a move to promote greener energy, one of the projects ECO is focusing on this semester is a campaign to power campus facilities vehicles with biodiesel. The goal is to fuel facilities vehicles using B20, a mixture of 20 percent biodiesel with 80 percent regular diesel, that will be made using waste from din-



This BioBus will be visiting Tufts on Friday, Oct. 26.

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ing services and local restaurants, and mixed with ordinary diesel in a processor made by Tufts students.

In the long term, we hope to apply this method to the Joey as well. Biodiesel is a significant improvement over regular diesel fuel in that it reduces emission of greenhouse gasses, such as carbon dioxide, and releases less particulate matter into the atmosphere, neither of which are exceptionally enjoyable toxins to have floating around.

Particulate matter can be the cause of many health problems, including asthma, painful breathing, chronic bronchitis, and premature death. It also produces

acid rain, which contaminates the water table and is extremely harmful to the environment and human health.

Greenhouse gases, like carbon dioxide, trap heat in the atmosphere and contribute to that slight annoyance we like to call global warming. To say the least, this is a problem, which is why Tufts ECO is working to reduce our impact where we can.

To spearhead this biodiesel campaign, ECO is enlisting the help of a giant blue school bus from 1989. Besides offering the obvious pleasures involved with glimpsing a school bus that is not the traditional

shade of yellow, this "BioBus" travels across the United States, stopping at colleges, high schools and community events to educate and excite Americans about the sustainable energy movement.

The bus, which runs on vegetable oil supplied from restaurant fryers throughout the country, brings people together to discuss the issues of global warming, peak oil, renewable energy and sustainable living, and works to generate excitement about possible solutions. Powered completely by renewable sources, the BioBus is an interactive visual example of alternative energy in action.

The Tufts "BioTour" event will take place on Friday, Oct. 26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Throughout the early afternoon, representatives from the BioTour will be making their way around campus, giving tours of the bus and answering questions. There will be a short presentation around 1:30 p.m. followed by a free, energy efficient trip back and forth to the Garment District store leaving at 3 p.m.. During its tour of the east coast, BioBus will also make appearances at Harvard, Northeastern and the Powershift conference in D.C.

The BioBus event is merely the beginning. As the year goes on, groups of dedicated students will be working for alternative energy all across campus, and they will need as much help from the Tufts community as they can get.

There is something to be said about participating in a campaign and clearly seeing direct results of your efforts. The production of biodiesel here at Tufts would benefit the environment, and allow Tufts students the opportunity to be involved in something important. So maybe it will not change the world energy crisis, but it is definitely a step, and as politicians do not seem to be taking these issues seriously, somebody has to take the reins.

For those of you who agree that it is time for us to get up off of our asses and have a say in the future of the earth, come be a part of this exciting event and help us move one-step closer towards a brighter, greener future.

Heather E. Buckner is a sophomore who has not yet declared a major. For more information about the BioTour, visit biotour.org

Freedom isn't free, but a Super Burrito is only \$4.83

BY SAMUEL W. DUPONT

As the front page of this newspaper announced last week, Davis Square has recently been infiltrated by a branch of Chipotle Mexican Grill, a national restaurant chain.

Before you rush out to patronize this eatery — whether it's your first time or your 1,000th — I ask you to consider the following question: Why, in heaven or hell, would Davis Square need another burrito shop when it already has Anna's Taqueria?

We at Tufts have been blessed by the easy availability of one of America's — if not the world's — finest burritos. They are low-cost, they are speedily-made and by God, they are delicious. So I ask you again: Why, in the name of the almighty, do we need a Chipotle?

The answer, I assert, is that we don't. So why, then, would Chipotle be opening a branch barely 100 meters from Anna's storefront? The answer is clear: to crush and annihilate our local taqueria, in the name of fowl corporate profit.

This Chipotle is a menace to our student body and a threat to the Davis Square neighborhood. A national restaurant chain, Chipotle arrives in Somerville with a powerful corporate structure behind it and the ability to play economic hardball with Anna's, a small-time Boston-area eatery. Indeed, we can fairly see Chipotle as an imperial invader, pursuing corporate conquest with the goal of total burrito domination.

Imagine if the New York Yankees opened a recruiting station in Copley Square and utilized their pinstriped financial might to lure Boston's youth to support the Red Sox's rivals. How, then, would this city be forced to respond?

More aptly still, recall the high tension of the Cold War and suppose the Soviet Union opened a borscht stand on the corner



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of Packard and Professor's Row. Sure, their borscht might be pretty good and the price, fixed by the Kremlin, might be right. Even then, you could not let one drop pass your lips without becoming complicit in a communistic attempt to abolish freedom and rule over the world with a red, iron fist.

A Chipotle burrito is no better than a bowl of Soviet borscht. Be a responsible consumer; think where your money goes.

The invasion of Chipotle is a clear attempt

to crush the life out of freedom-loving Anna's Taqueria. This stands antithetical to our basic values as Tuftonians and as Somervillians. I hereby call upon you, my compatriots, to reject the food (if one can call it that) of Chipotle and instead, if you be a true revolutionary, to drastically increase your regular intake of Anna's burritos.

In the eloquent words of President Thomas Whitmore, played by Bill Pullman in the movie "Independence Day" (1996), "We will not go

quietly into the night ... We're going to live on! We're going to survive!"

But perhaps you are the curious type, and you feel the urge to try out a Chipotle burrito, for comparison's sake.

Allow me to save you the trouble: They aren't that good.

While Anna's fills their tasty tortillas with a healthy quantity of meat or vegetables and complements the main course with a delicate balance of beans and rice, Chipotle serves you a rice burrito, filled with rice and seasoned with rice. If you're lucky, you might be able to find a little bit of meat or a bean buried in the rice. It's a tasteless proposition.

And as if that weren't enough, Chipotle's rice (which, as I said, is the only flavor your mouth will encounter) is just plain, white rice. Anna's uses zesty Spanish rice, which interacts well with the rest of the burrito.

Anna's meat is better. So are the other ingredients. Which would you choose: a handful of grated cheese sprinkled carelessly over some rice or a slice of cheese melted onto your tortilla, blending delectably with your chicken, beans, rice and salsa?

That's what I thought.

We, students of Tufts, and our neighbors in the Davis Square community are under assault. Do not be taken in by friendly fundraiser tactics and do not be fooled by fraudulent assertions that "more choice" is always better. This kind of surface evaluation only serves to mask the corporate imperialism that will gradually undermine and cripple our sacred and free institutions.

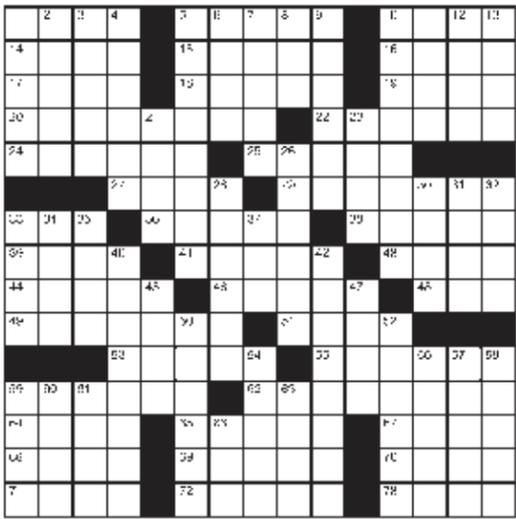
I implore you, do not forget what you stand for, and do not settle for second-rate food on any account.

Choose life. Choose liberty. Choose Anna's.

Samuel DuPont is a senior majoring in international relations.

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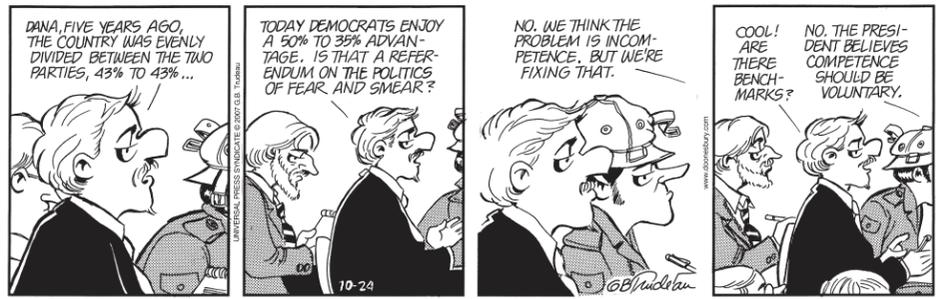
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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

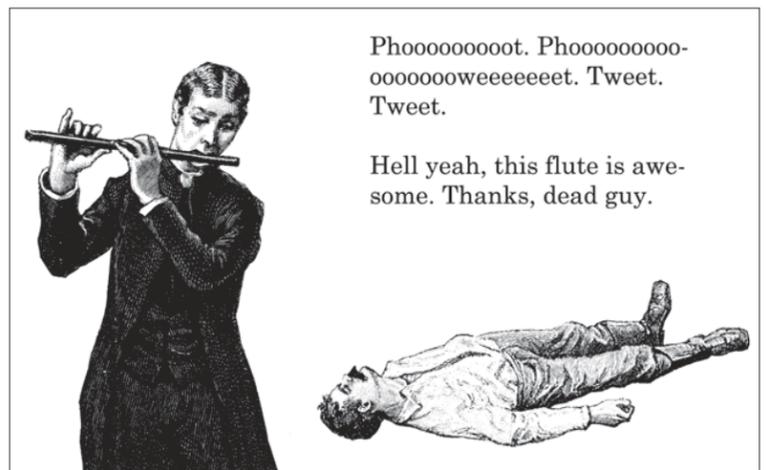


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LATE NIGHT AT THE DAILY

Kelly [on the phone with her friend Elizabeth]: "Yeah, that's great. Thanks for keeping me abreast of the situation."
 Alex giggles from the other side of the room.
 Kelly [to Alex]: "What, 'abreast?'"
 Alex: "Yeah." [pause] "Boobies."

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Red Sox pitching has advantage in Dice-K, Schilling

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runs off of Westbrook in 12 innings in the ALCS.

The Red Sox have a number of hitters who are getting hot at the right time. First baseman Kevin Youkilis is hitting .425 in the postseason while Dustin Pedroia helped carry the Red Sox in Game 7 of the ALCS, going 3-for-5 and tallying five RBIs. Then there is Mike Lowell. The third baseman surprisingly led Boston with 120 RBIs this season and has had a career year hitting behind Manny Ramirez in the fifth spot of the lineup.

And that's just in the infield.

Though they might not be as strong defensively as the Rockies' trio, the Sox' outfielders have been hitting well in the playoffs. Ramirez is one of the best hitters in the game, and has a .400 batting average and 14 RBIs so far in the postseason, while J.D. Drew is hitting over .300 in the postseason after struggling in his first year with the team.

Jacoby Ellsbury has supplanted the struggling Coco Crisp in center field. The 23-year-old performed well under pressure in Games 6 and 7 of the ALCS, and he adds speed to the bottom of the Boston lineup without much of a drop-off in defense from the Gold Glove caliber of Crisp.

And of course, Boston has Ortiz, who is far greater than whoever the Rockies choose to use as a designated hitter in Fenway. While the Red Sox will have to bench either Lowell or Youkilis in the games at Coors Field in order to get Ortiz's bat into the lineup, he is still a significant upgrade over whomever the Rockies opt to use as a DH.

Overall, the Rockies' bullpen may be able to keep pace with the Red Sox's, but this won't matter when the Red Sox jump on the Rockies' starters early and often. The Rockies have not seen an offense as patient, deep and balanced as the Red Sox's all season long. The offensive advantage Colorado had in the NLCS over Arizona is negated by the Red Sox, who actually outscored the Rockies in the regular season despite facing tougher competition in the AL.

The Rockies enter the World Series on an incredible roll. However, none of the teams they defeated during their amazing 21 wins in 22 games were as good as this Boston team. None of the pitchers they faced — not Cole Hamels, Brandon Webb or even Jake Peavy — is as good as Josh Beckett. No hitter is as good as David Ortiz, and no closer is as dominant as Jonathan Papelbon. The Red Sox are the best team in the tougher league, and they will be the most difficult challenge the Rockies have faced all season.

Strange things can happen in a short series. But if this series is determined by which team has more talent, better hitting and better pitching, the Red Sox will win handily.

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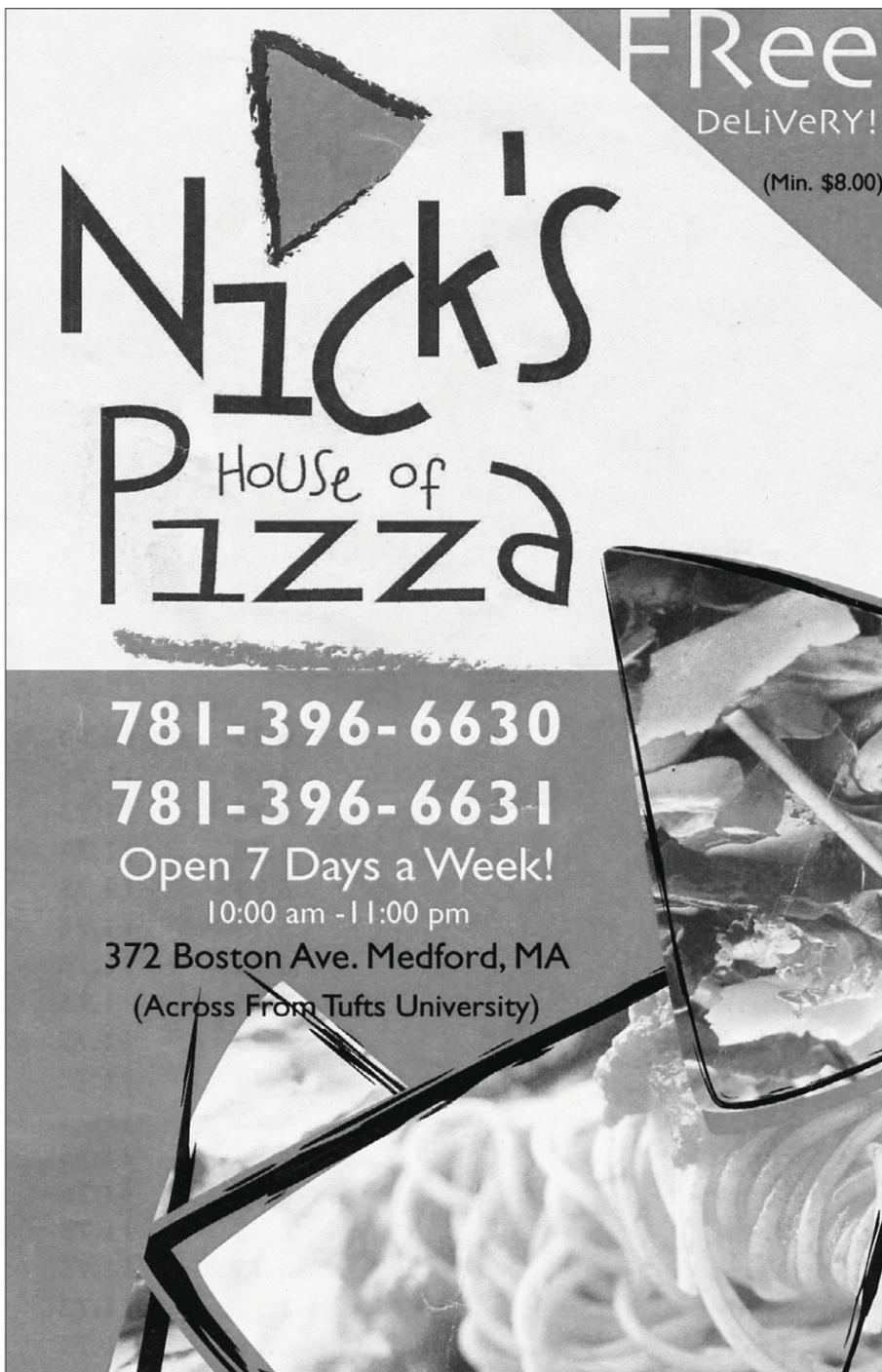
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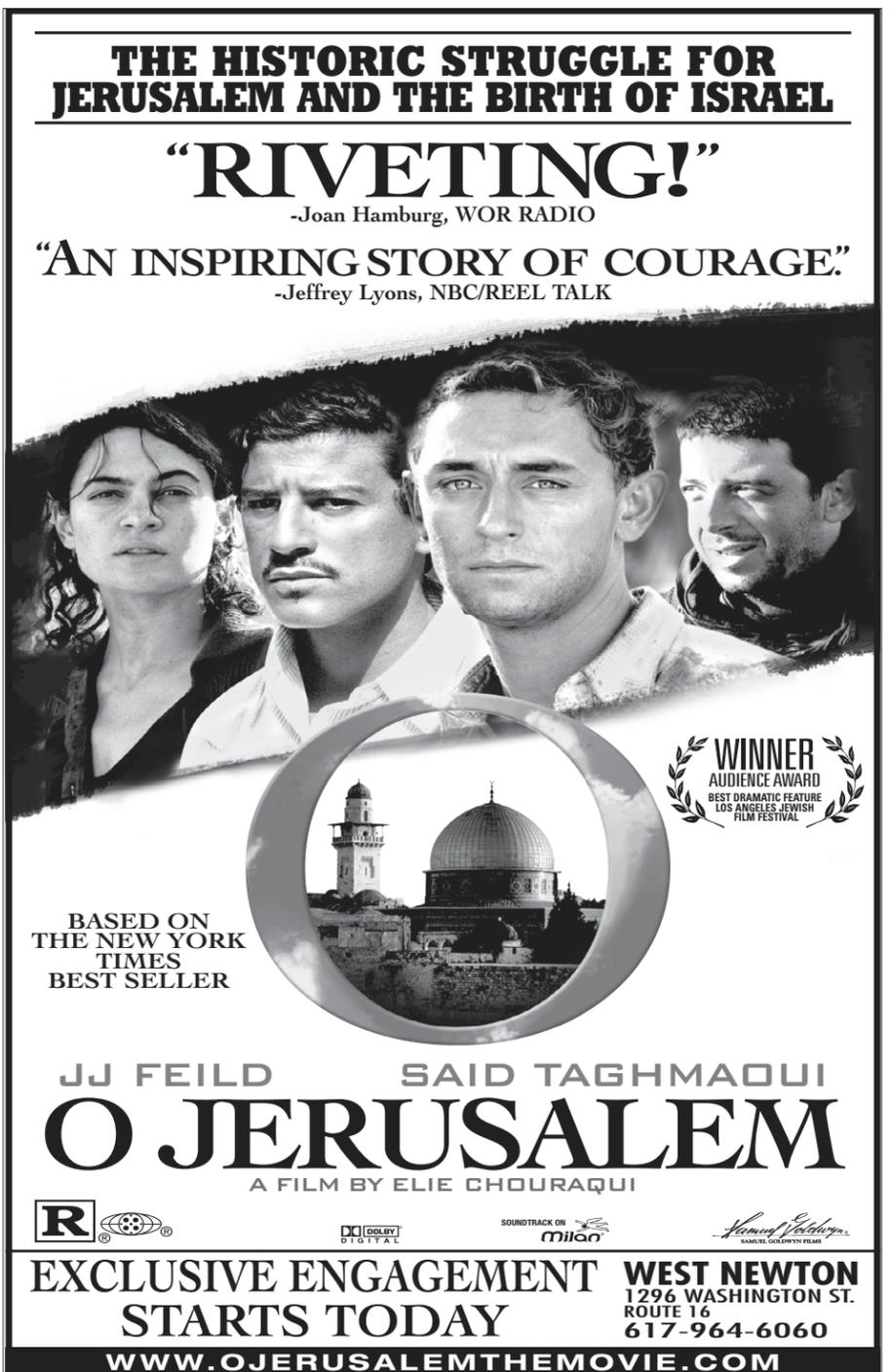
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game to fall to 76-72. They were six and a half games behind in the NL West, four and a half back in the hunt for the wild card, and had three teams in front of them in both races. They seemed to be destined for .500, leaving plenty to hope for in the future.

Who knew the future would come so soon?

We know the Rockies are destined to win because on the evening of Sept. 15, someone — we don't know if it was a player, coach, executive or fan — made a deal with the baseball gods. We can only guess at what the gods asked for in return for granting such a miracle. The Rockies have won 21 of their last 22 games. They won 14 of their last 15 games in the regular season, all but one of which were against teams ahead of them in the division. Sixteen of those 21 victories were by four runs or less.

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The back end of Rockies' bullpen is virtually impenetrable, featuring one of the most underrated closers in baseball, Manny Corpas, as well as three-time All-Star Brian Fuentes. Matt Herges and Hawkins have been excellent in the middle innings.

To win this series, the Rockies will need their starters to keep them in the game by limiting walks to a patient Red Sox lineup. Their hitters will need a focused approach and must avoid swinging at pitcher's pitches — especially borderline pitches from Curt Schilling and Daisuke Matsuzaka.

When the Rockies celebrate their sweep on Sunday and fulfill their destiny as World Series champions, let's hope they compensate whichever man, woman or child sold his or her soul to bring a championship to such an unlikely team.



MCT

Hawpe, Tulowitzki have edge over well-paid counterparts

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33 stolen bases) suggest he can still be an impact player atop the lineup, Crisp may soon be permanently replaced by the upstart Jacoby Ellsbury. **Edge: Rockies**

RF | Hawpe vs. Drew: His Game 6 heroics aside, Drew finished the first year of a five-year, \$70 million contract with fewer home runs than Jack Wilson and fewer RBI than Ty Wigginton. Hawpe, meanwhile, wound up sixth in the National League with 116 RBI, while also contributing 29 home runs, all for just \$403,000. **Edge: Rockies**

DH | Baker/Spilborghs vs. Ortiz: Let's not kid ourselves. **Edge: Red Sox**

Starting pitchers: Much like Josh Beckett did in 2003, Colorado's young trio of Jeff Francis, Ubaldo Jimenez, and Josh Fogg will be making their World Series debuts as relative unknowns. The Red Sox one-two punch of Beckett and Curt Schilling, a combined 15-4 for their careers in postseason play, is vastly more experienced than the Rockies' rotation. **Edge: Red Sox**

Bullpen: Game 7 of the ALCS showed that Terry Francona has no faith in anyone in the Red Sox bullpen other than Hideki Okajima, who began warming up in the fifth inning, and Jonathan Papelbon, who was asked to get a six-out save for the first time this season. Boston's suspect

middle relief, coupled with Colorado's tandem of All-Star Brian Fuentes and steady closer Manny Corpas, make this a closer matchup than it initially appears. **Edge: Push**

Intangibles: Colorado may be a young team, but it hasn't been intimidated by the big stage; this season, the Rockies swept a three-game series from both the Yankees and the Mets and took two out of three from the Red Sox in Fenway, hammering Beckett and Schilling in the process. Nine days off certainly won't help the blazing-hot Rockies, but the Red Sox, 2-1 favorites, will have to deal with the pressure of overwhelming expectations. **Edge: Rockies**

SCHEDULE | Oct. 24 - Oct. 30

	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
Cross Country				NESCAChamps at Williams 11 a.m.			
Field Hockey				at Conn. College 12 p.m.	NESCACh First Round (Time TBA)		
Football				vs. Amherst 1 p.m.			
Women's Soccer				at Conn. College 12 p.m.	NESCACh First Round (Time TBA)		
Men's Soccer				at Conn. College 1:30 p.m.	NESCACh First Round (Time TBA)		
Volleyball	at Bates 7 p.m.		vs. Bowdoin (at Amherst) 8 p.m.	vs. Colby (at Amherst) 12 p.m.			
JumboCast				Football	Home NESCACh playoff games (TBA)		

STATISTICS | STANDINGS

Field Hockey (9-3, 6-2 NESCACh)

	NESCACh			OVERALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Bowdoin	8	0	12	0	0	0
Middlebury	6	2	9	3	0	0
Tufts	6	2	9	3	0	0
Trinity	4	4	8	4	0	0
Williams	4	4	7	5	0	0
Amherst	3	4	7	5	0	0
Wesleyan	3	5	7	6	0	0
Conn. Coll.	2	5	6	6	0	0
Bates	2	6	5	7	1	0
Colby	1	7	4	9	0	0

	G	A	Pts
I. Casellas-Katz	12	1	26
B. Holiday	5	1	11
M. Kelly	3	3	9
T. Jasinski	2	4	8
M. Scholtes	0	8	8
A. Russo	3	0	6
T. Brown	3	0	6
J. Perkins	2	1	5
M. Kutcher	2	1	5
C. Green	0	1	1

Goalkeeping	GA	S	S%
K. Hyder	11	45	.804

Women's Soccer (10-3-0, 6-2-0 NESCACh)

	NESCACh			OVERALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Williams	8	0	0	13	0	0
Amherst	5	1	2	5	4	4
Tufts	6	2	0	10	3	0
Bowdoin	5	3	0	9	3	0
Middlebury	4	3	1	8	3	2
Trinity	4	3	1	6	4	2
Conn. Coll.	2	5	1	4	7	1
Wesleyan	2	5	1	3	9	1
Colby	0	6	2	4	6	3
Bates	0	8	0	2	10	0

	G	A	Pts
C. Cadigan	13	4	30
M. Furtek	3	4	10
L. Fedore	3	3	9
A. Maxwell	2	5	9
R. Abbott	1	2	4
F. Gamal	0	4	4
G. DeGregorio	1	0	2
S. Nolet	1	0	2
S. Raley	1	2	2
J. Jamison	1	1	2

Goalkeeping	GA	S	S%
K. Minnehan	9	37	.804

Men's Soccer (4-7-1, 2-5-1 NESCACh)

	NESCACh			OVERALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Amherst	7	1	0	11	1	0
Middlebury	7	1	0	11	1	0
Williams	6	2	0	9	3	1
Wesleyan	5	3	0	9	4	0
Bowdoin	4	3	1	9	3	1
Trinity	4	4	0	8	5	0
Tufts	2	5	1	4	7	1
Colby	1	5	2	5	5	2
Conn. Coll.	0	5	3	2	7	3
Bates	0	7	1	4	8	1

	G	A	Pts
A. Lach	4	1	9
G. O'Connell	4	1	9
D. Jozwiak	3	0	6
P. DeGregorio	2	2	6
K. Anglin	2	2	6
A. Botwinick	1	2	4
N. Muakkassa	0	2	2
B. Duker	0	1	1
D. Schoening	0	1	1
M. Maloney	0	1	1

Goalkeeping	GA	Svs	Sv%
D. McKeon	12	57	.826

Volleyball (15-12, 4-3 NESCACh)

	NESCACh				OVERALL			
	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L
Amherst	6	1	22	3				
Middlebury	5	1	15	9				
Williams	5	1	20	7				
Conn. Coll.	5	2	16	6				
Tufts	4	3	15	12				
Wesleyan	4	3	15	6				
Trinity	3	3	17	7				
Hamilton	2	5	9	17				
Bowdoin	2	6	16	13				
Colby	2	6	12	20				
Bates	0	7	7	21				

Offensive	Kills	SA
D. Joyce-Mendive	204	18
K. Wysham	179	17
B. Helgeson	155	0
C. Updike	140	18
S. Filocco	130	12
K. Denniston	100	0
N. Shrodes	73	2

Defensive	B	Digs
N. Goldstein	0	417
D. Feiger	12	192
D. Joyce-Mendive	10	191
S. Filocco	17	187
C. Updike	11	130
K. Wysham	107	55
K. Denniston	45	13

Football (4-1 NESCACh)

	NESCACh			
	W	L	PF	PA
Amherst	4	1	126	47
Middlebury	4	1	119	56
Trinity	4	1	172	76
Tufts	4	1	109	84
Wesleyan	3	2	93	96
Williams	3	2	149	135
Hamilton	2	3	66	93
Bowdoin	1	4	77	142
Bates	0	5	67	144
Colby	0	5	27	132

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
W. Forde	78	199	2.6	5
C. Guild	41	197	4.8	1
B. Ricketson	33	161	4.9	1

Passing	Pct.	Yds.	TD	INT
M. Russo	53.0	869	7	6

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
D. Halas	25	367	14.7	2
Adhanom	13	108	8.3	0

Defense	Tack	INT	Sack
A. Henke	33	0	0
T. Tassinari	33	4	0
T. Reynoso	32	0	1
S. Albertine	28	0	3

N.E. Div. III Football (Oct. 22, 2007)

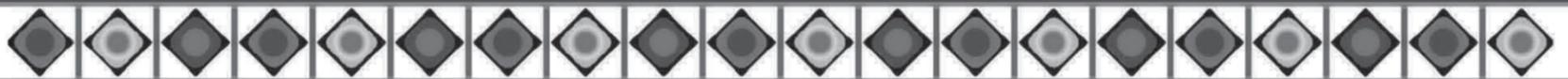
Points (first-place votes)
1. Curry, 148 (13)
2. Trinity, 119 (2)
3. Coast Guard, 112
4. Middlebury, 91
5. Tufts, 83
6. Amherst, 81
7. Plymouth State, 78
8. Williams, 40
9. Maine Maritime, 18
10. WPI, 17

N.E. Div. III Women's XC (Oct. 22, 2007)

Points (first-place votes)
1. Amherst, 80 (8)
2. Williams, 72
3. Bowdoin, 61
4. MIT, 58
5. Middlebury, 49
6. Tufts, 37
7. Trinity, 27
8. Keene State, 23
9. Colby, 22
10. Conn. College, 10

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Jumbos sweep pair of midweek home games

With the NESCAC playoffs looming this weekend for Tufts' fall sports teams, Jumbos everywhere are looking to get in one last tune-up before postseason play.

Yesterday, two teams proved that they were ready to go.

The field hockey team cruised to an easy 5-0 victory over Endicott on Bello Field yesterday afternoon, improving to 5-0 in the last two weeks and 10-3 overall, and the men's soccer team followed suit with a 1-0 squeaker over New England College in the nightcap. Both teams now turn their focus to their regular-season finales at Conn. College Saturday.

The field hockey team got five goals from four scorers, including a successful penalty stroke from junior Brittany Holiday to start off the scoring, and coasted to the win over the non-conference Gulls.

Sophomore Amanda Russo, this week's NESCAC Player of the Week, scored a beautiful second-chance goal on a turn-around in front of the cage, senior Jennie Williamson got her first collegiate goal after 44 starts for the Jumbos, and leading scorer and senior co-captain Ileana Casellas-Katz tacked her 13th goal of the season off a pass from sophomore Margi Scholtes, who notched her team-best ninth assist of the season.

The Jumbos only needed one save from freshman Katie Hyder in net, as they held a 24-2 advantage in shots over the Gulls, who dropped to 9-5 with the loss.

As for men's soccer, the Jumbos scored the game's lone goal in the 34th minute, blanking the visiting Pilgrims to improve to 5-7-1 on the season. Freshman defenseman Naji Muakkassa did the honors, scoring his first career goal with assists from senior Kevin Anglin and sophomore Dan



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Schoening.

The Jumbos have now gotten five of their last eight goals from freshmen, as Muakkassa and classmate Alex Lach have both come into their own in recent weeks.

The Tufts offense was relentless all night, controlling the ball and out-shooting the Pilgrims 15-8. Sophomore Pat Tonelli, making a rare start in goal, only needed two

saves to cruise to the shutout.

Field hockey takes on Conn. College in New London at noon in Saturday's NESCAC finale; men's soccer follows suit with a 1:30 start.

See tomorrow's Daily for further coverage.

—by Evans Clinchy

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The Fenway redemption

At the risk of alienating every single reader I have that isn't a fanatical Red Sox fan (do I have any of those left?), I need to take a minute to bask in the glory of this past weekend.

I couldn't have written it better myself. With their backs to the wall, the Sox fought back like none other, outscoring the Indians 30-5 in the final three games of the ALCS.

And here's the beauty of it. On a team full of controversial big names — baseball's newest "Evil Empire" if you will — the "busts" of 2007 silenced all critics when it mattered most. The theme of the 2007 ALCS was redemption.

Redemption came for J.D. Drew in Game 6. Drew signed a five-year, \$70 million contract a year ago, arrived in Boston, and proceeded to slug a career-low 11 home runs while struggling to stay healthy. Then Saturday night, after a season of fan frustration and media scrutiny, all was forgiven with one first-inning grand slam.

Redemption came for Daisuke Matsuzaka a night later. The 103 Million Dollar Man went 2-4 in his last nine starts of the regular season, posted a 7.62 ERA in September, and was chased out of his first two postseason starts in the fifth inning. Fortunately, all it took was one Game 7 win to wipe his conscience clean.

And now, the World Series begins tonight.

Last but not least, it's time for redemption — for me.

I should explain. Last year, I wrote my first column about the circumstances of my birth. Long story short, I was born in the wee hours of the morning of Oct. 28, 1986, just hours after the Mets defeated the Red Sox in the 1986 World Series. For 18 years, I led a cursed childhood.

Then came 2004, and everything changed. I turned 18, I became a man (or something like that), and the Red Sox won their first title in 86 years. But for some reason, I still feel as though there's something missing.

Here's the problem. My childhood doesn't officially end for another four days. I am still, in one sense of the word, a "minor." Sunday is the big day — in more ways than one.

As such, I have one humble request to make of my beloved Red Sox. Please, for the sake of a poor little 20-year-old kid who still has nightmares of a hobbling first baseman and "a little roller up along first," sweep this series. I'm begging you.

To fully excise the demons of 1986, I need this. I need this World Series to end in a Game 4 victory on Oct. 28, perfectly book-ending my childhood on the day I turn 21. In other words, I want the first legal drink of my life to be victory champagne.

Is that selfish of me? Yes. Of course. But I'm okay with it because the Red Sox owe me. I was forced to live a childhood of misery, sulking over year after year of second-place finishes, first-round exits and Grady Little-induced disasters. I deserve two championships, goshdarnit. To quote a really annoying pop song from the 60s, it's my party and I'll cry if I want to.

So on Sunday night, when I'm drinking myself to death in celebration, I can fondly look back on 2007 as The Year of Redemption.

I'm just like Daisuke — we've both had our ups and downs, but come this weekend, if all goes according to plan, all will be forgotten.

Now, if only someone would pay \$51.1 million just to talk to me...

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INSIDE THE NESCAC

Wesleyan men's soccer knocks off No. 2 Amherst Cardinals rebound from 0-4 start with win streak to gain conference tournament berth

BY SAPNA BANSIL
Daily Editorial Board

The Wesleyan men's soccer team has made a habit over the past few seasons of bouncing back from seemingly insurmountable situations.

In 2005, the Cardinals went winless in their final five regular season games and entered the NESCAC Tournament as a No. 7 seed. But upset victories over Bowdoin, Williams and Amherst propelled Wesleyan to a miraculous conference championship, the first by any seventh seed in any sport in the history of the NESCAC Tournament.

This year, the Cardinals are again using a historic stretch to put themselves in a position for another postseason run.

Rebounding from an 0-4 start that included three losses to NESCAC opponents, Wesleyan is riding a program-record nine-game winning streak, with the latest victory coming Saturday against nationally-ranked No. 2 Amherst.

The Jeffs went into the game looking to clinch their first-ever NESCAC regular season title and improve their record to 12-0 on the season. The Cardinals had other plans, spoiling Amherst's homecoming festivities with a come-from-behind 2-1 victory that improved their conference mark to 5-3 with one game remaining.

"It was an extremely satisfying win for the team after the difficult stretch we endured to start the season," senior tri-captain Matt Gnall wrote in an e-mail to the Daily. "The rivalry between Wesleyan and Amherst is certainly historic, and

[it's something] that both sides respect and relish participating in."

The victory was easily the most impressive win of Wesleyan's nine-game run. Until the Amherst game, the Cardinals built their streak largely through their friendly schedule, which pitted them against the NESCAC's bottom four teams. But with a win over the Jeffs, Wesleyan added a great deal of credibility to its streak.

"The win over Amherst certainly adds to the legitimacy of the streak, proving that we are not simply excelling against lesser competition," Gnall said. "We are certainly getting more attention now as a team that is capable of winning a NESCAC championship and making a run in the NCAAs."

The victory also confirmed that Wesleyan has overcome its early-season struggles, as the team lost four straight games — three by one goal — to start the season 0-4 for the first time since 1958. The Cardinals' struggles may have stemmed from their difficulties overcoming several losses they endured after last season. The team graduated eight players, including two First-Team All-NESCAC selections in midfielder Peter Glidden and defenseman Jared Ashe. The team also lost one of its top scorers to ineligibility.

"We lost a lot of talent, not to mention personality, from last year," Gnall said. "During the first few games we were searching for our identity as a team, learning how to play together, and discovering what we could expect from each player."

Without five of its top six scorers from

2006, Wesleyan was shut out in two of its first four games. But during its winning streak, the team has developed a diverse offensive attack, getting goals from nine different players in its past nine games. Players who weren't major contributors on offense last season are having career years in 2007, particularly junior Alan Ashenfelter, the team's leading scorer with four goals this season after having none in 2006.

On the defensive end, the Cardinals have relied on the sound play of their two goaltenders, Gnall and senior Jamie Hiteshew. Coach Geoff Wheeler has split time equally between the two, with each having played exactly 585 minutes in goal this year. The two-man tandem worked especially well during a stretch between Sept. 29 and Oct. 13, when the team did not allow a goal for five consecutive games. During that run, Hiteshew posted three shutouts while Gnall added two.

Even with all its recent success, Wesleyan has not locked up home-field advantage for the first round of the NESCAC Tournament. That could change in the regular-season finale Saturday, when the team travels to Bowdoin needing either a win or a tie to lock up one of the top four seeds. Regardless, the Cardinals will head into the NESCAC tournament a self-assured squad that is primed for a run at its second-ever conference title.

"Confidence sometimes can be more important than how you're playing," Wheeler said. "Right now, we're playing well and we have a lot of confidence. It's a nice combination at this time of year."

Russo earns NESCAC Player of the Week honors

The field hockey team is having another strong season, picking up contributions from many different players. With two NESCAC victories last week, the Jumbos secured at worst the third spot in the upcoming conference tournament, thanks in large part to the play of sophomore forward Amanda Russo.

Russo was named the NESCAC Player of the Week Monday after she scored a goal in both of Tufts' wins last week. The sophomore scored the first goal in the Jumbos'

2-0 win at Wesleyan last Wednesday and also picked up an important insurance goal with 10 minutes left in Saturday's game at Williams that gave the Jumbos their 3-1 edge. The win brought Tufts' record to 9-3 on the season, but more importantly 6-2 in the NESCAC.

Russo, who has been a starter since the sixth game of the season, is the second Tufts player to earn the award in 2007, along with senior co-captain Ileana Casellas-Katz. The second-year player has

been on a tear of late, helping to lead the Jumbos to four straight victories with three goals during the winning streak.

The Jumbos hosted their last home game of the regular season yesterday afternoon against Endicott and will end their regular season at Conn. College on Saturday. The NESCAC Tournament is set to begin Sunday, with Tufts set to host an opening round game.

—by Ethan Landy



Rockies have more than just a lineup

BY PETER BENDIX
Senior Staff Writer

Why are the Rockies going to win the World Series? Because they were meant to.

Logically, there are few reasons that the Rockies could emerge victorious this week. But fortunately for this team, it's been defying "reason" for weeks. The Rockies have destiny on their side.

The Rockies passed reason somewhere during their incredible run of winning 21 of their last 22 games. Matt Holliday passed reason when he did a face-plant and just missed home plate in 13th inning to stun the Padres and clinch a playoff berth. The team passed reason when it defeated arguably the three best pitchers in the National League — Jake Peavy, Cole Hamels and Brandon Webb — in hugely important games.

The Rockies enter the World Series with a rotation that features one above-average pitcher, Jeff Francis. While Francis was good this season, a 4.22 ERA in the National League is not particularly impressive.

And before you cite the fact that he had to pitch half of his games at Coors Field, consider this: according to ESPN's park factors, it was easier to score runs in Fenway Park this year than at Coors Field. Additionally, it was easier to pitch in the National League than the American League. In other words, Francis's 4.22 ERA in Coors Field is very similar to Daisuke Matsuzaka's 4.40 at Fenway.

The rest of the rotation is made up of wannabes and never-weres. Josh Fogg owns a career 4.90 ERA and has been below 4.60 once in his career. Ubaldo Jimenez was terrible this season at AAA, posting a 5.85 ERA, yet somehow upon promotion to the majors he improved his ERA to 4.28 (perhaps this tells us something about the quality of the rest of the National League this year). Aaron Cook had an impressive 4.12 ERA but a less-than-inspiring 61/44 strikeout-to-walk ratio this season. Furthermore, Cook has not pitched since Aug. 10 due to an injury.

Yet none of this matters, because the Rockies are supposed to win. How else do you explain the fact that a team with a pitching staff consisting of other teams' cast-offs has made it this far?

Fogg was cut by the Pittsburgh Pirates two years ago; Rodrigo Lopez and LaTroy Hawkins were dumped by the Baltimore Orioles; Mark Redman was shunned by the Atlanta Braves. Jorge Julio was given away by the Marlins after imploding in Florida. Taylor Buchholz had a 5.89 ERA last season for Houston.

Yet somehow, these guys combined to throw many solid innings during the

Big-market machine against Cinderella: who will win it?

Sox have infield edge, but Rockies have strong bullpen

BY SAPNA BANSIL
Daily Editorial Board

The 2007 World Series will feature two teams in the Boston Red Sox and Colorado Rockies who couldn't be more different. While big-market Boston entered the season with a whopping \$143 million payroll, the Rockies' payroll was only \$3 million more than the Red Sox' posting fee for Daisuke Matsuzaka. Boston is just three years removed from a World Series championship, while Colorado is making its first-ever appearance in the Fall Classic. Which team has the edge? A position-by-position breakdown:

C | Torrealba vs. Varitek: With a .320 postseason average, Torrealba is having the better October, although Varitek broke out of his slump with three hits in Game 7 of the ALCS. Both assume key leadership roles on their respective teams: Varitek as the Red Sox captain and Torrealba as a veteran presence guiding a young pitching staff. Neither catcher will upstage the other while batting in the bottom third of

six multi-hit games this postseason, Helton has managed just one extra-base hit. With no errors in 135 games at first base, Youkilis may even have the edge on defense over the three-time Gold Glove Award winner Helton. **Edge: Red Sox**

2B | Matsui vs. Pedroia: Relegated to the Mets' trash heap in 2006, Matsui has quietly become an offensive star for the Rockies this postseason, hitting safely in all but one of Colorado's seven games. But despite sitting below the Mendoza Line on May 1, Pedroia hit 29 points better than Matsui during the regular season and comes into the World Series on the heels of three-straight multi-hit games. **Edge: Red Sox**

SS | Tulowitzki vs. Lugo: For \$9 million, the Red Sox have a complete bust in Lugo, who hit .197 in the first half of the season and finished the year at a paltry .237. For a little over four percent of Lugo's salary, the Rockies boast a budding star in Tulowitzki, whose sparkling defense and penchant for the clutch have drawn comparisons to Cal Ripken, Jr. and his boyhood idol, Derek Jeter. **Edge: Rockies**

3B | Atkins vs. Lowell: Atkins is coming off his second consecutive season with an average over .300 and at least 25 home runs and 110 RBI. But in his contract year, Lowell was even better, putting up a .501 slugging percentage and a career-best .324 batting average. With 11 RBI this postseason, compared to Atkins' one, Lowell wins the battle at the hot corner. **Edge: Red Sox**

LF | Holliday vs. Ramirez: Manny is certainly being Manny, at least when it comes to his offensive production. Ramirez has hit .400 with four home runs this postseason and has reached base safely in all 10 of Boston's playoff games. But Holliday has emerged as a top candidate for the MVP after leading the NL in both batting average (.340) and RBI (137). Add to that his NLCS MVP and the battle between the two best hitters in the World Series becomes too close to call. **Edge: Push**

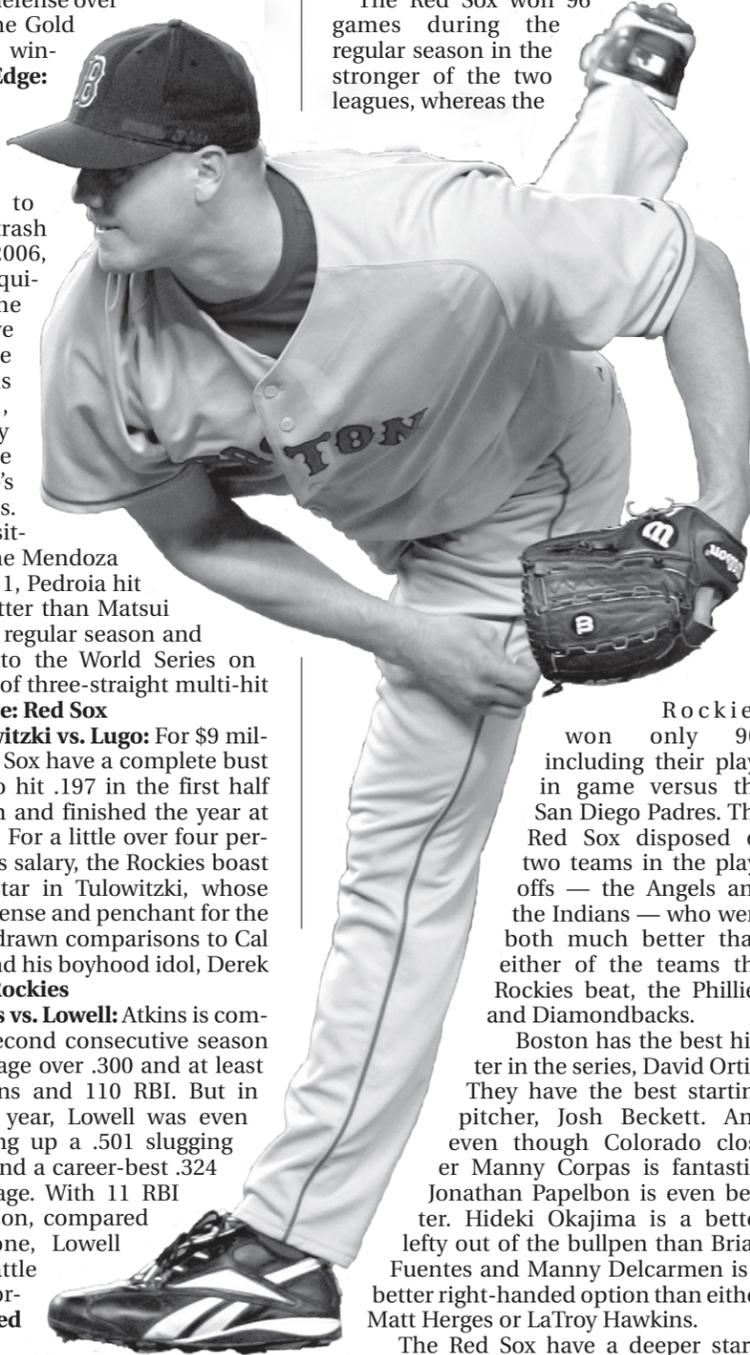
CF | Taveras vs. Crisp: Both Taveras and Crisp have put up pathetic numbers this postseason, each hitting under .170 and combining for five runs scored. While Taveras' regular season numbers (.320,

Comebacker Sox back in Fall Classic

BY PETER BENDIX
Senior Staff Writer

Why are the Boston Red Sox going to win the World Series? Because they are the better team.

The Red Sox won 96 games during the regular season in the stronger of the two leagues, whereas the

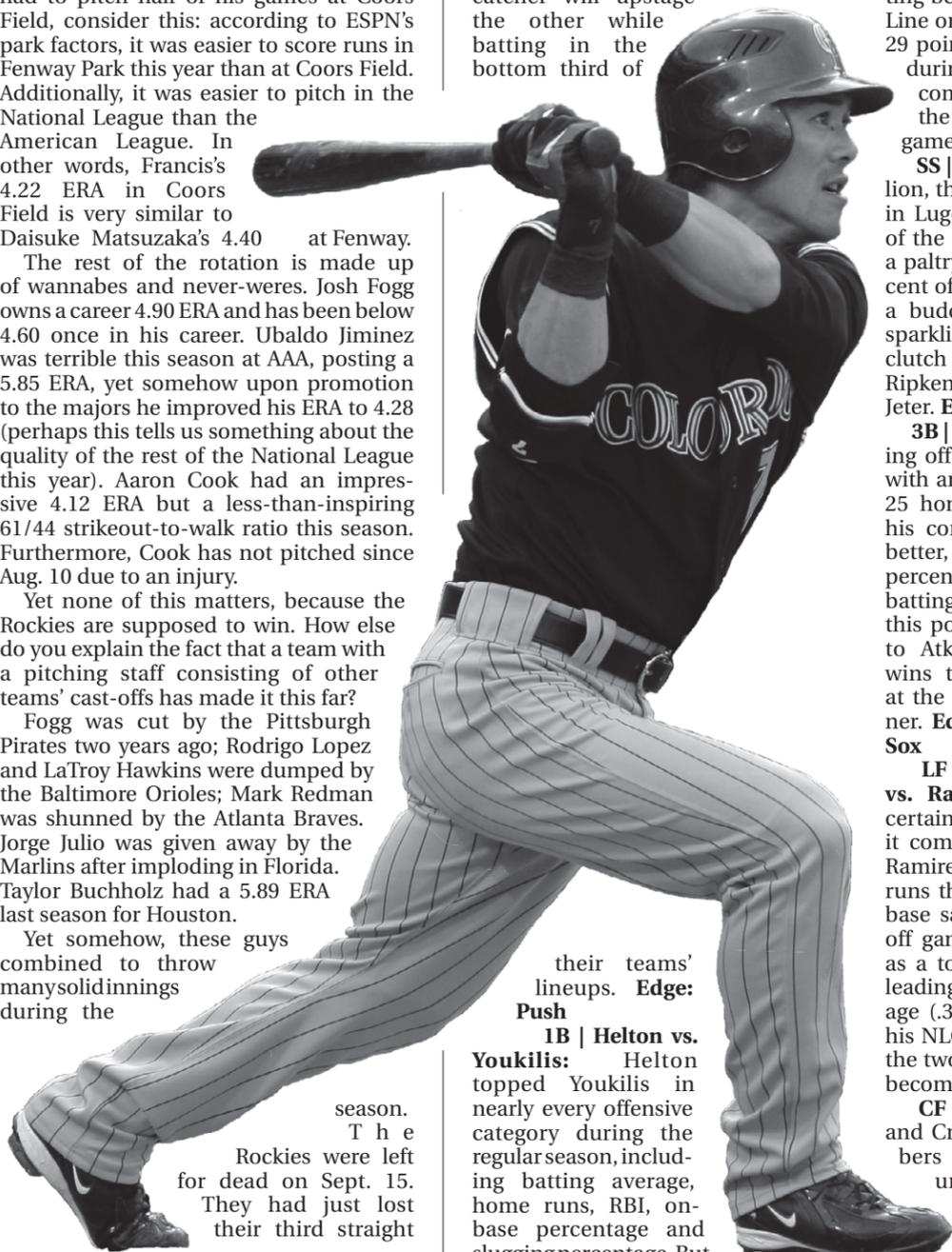


Rockies won only 90, including their play-in game versus the San Diego Padres. The Red Sox disposed of two teams in the playoffs — the Angels and the Indians — who were both much better than either of the teams the Rockies beat, the Phillies and Diamondbacks.

Boston has the best hitter in the series, David Ortiz. They have the best starting pitcher, Josh Beckett. And even though Colorado closer Manny Corpas is fantastic, Jonathan Papelbon is even better. Hideki Okajima is a better lefty out of the bullpen than Brian Fuentes and Manny Delcarmen is a better right-handed option than either Matt Herges or LaTroy Hawkins.

The Red Sox have a deeper starting rotation, as Curt Schilling, Daisuke Matsuzaka and Jon Lester are a more formidable threesome than Aaron Cook, Ubaldo Jimenez and Josh Fogg. Boston's pitching is enhanced by catcher Jason Varitek, who provides valuable leadership.

The pitching matchup in each game should favor the Red Sox. While Jeff Francis is a good pitcher, he's far from dominant and will be matched up against Josh Beckett, the ALCS MVP. The Red Sox match up particularly well with Ubaldo Jimenez, who can be very wild, because they are a very patient team. Boston also matches up well with Josh Fogg because, well, Fogg is a pretty bad pitcher. Aaron Cook is a poor man's Jake Westbrook (lots of ground balls, even fewer strikeouts than Westbrook) and the Red Sox scored five



their teams' lineups. **Edge: Push**

1B | Helton vs. Youkilis: Helton topped Youkilis in nearly every offensive category during the regular season, including batting average, home runs, RBI, on-base percentage and slugging percentage. But while Youkilis has posted

season. The Rockies were left for dead on Sept. 15. They had just lost their third straight

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