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New to the Hill: Meet Anthony Monaco

BY ADAM KULEWICZ
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Since stepping into his new role at Tufts on Aug. 1, University President Anthony Monaco has made an active effort to engage with his new community by meeting with students and faculty across the campuses, attending events and making frequent use of social media.

He has jumped into life at Tufts, both figuratively and literally. Last Monday evening he jumped into the Hamilton Pool to practice with the Tufts club water polo team and, according to the team kept up with the students as they tread water for 15 straight minutes.

All these efforts are indicative of Monaco's unpretentious, hands-on approach to leadership on the Hill as well as his ambitions for his tenure at the university.

Monaco inherits the institution both grateful for the work of his predecessors — University President Emeritus Lawrence Bacow and former Provost and Senior Vice President Jamshed Bharucha — and confident in his ability to shape the future of Tufts.

"I've really enjoyed getting to see the strong foundations that Larry and Jamshed left the institution and where I can then take it," Monaco said in an interview with the Daily. "Overall, I'm just very, very happy to be here and I'm enjoying myself."

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With an exclusive interview, the Daily welcomes University President Tony Monaco to the Hill.

CANDIDATES' FORUM

VIRGINIA BLEDSOE/TUFTS DAILY

Thirteen freshman candidates for the Tufts Community Union Senate participated in a forum last night, sharing their visions for the future of the university.

Freshman TCU hopefuls share ideas at candidates forum

Thirteen freshman candidates vying for a spot on the Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate last night shared their ideas for the upcoming year in Hotung Café in anticipation of tomorrow's election.

Harish Gupta, Darien Headen, Dan Healy, Jacob Indursky, Robert Joseph, Dan Katter, Ben Kurland, Andrew Nunez, Chloe Perez, Matt Roy, Jessie Serrino, Kelly Vieira and Lesley Wellener are each seeking one of the seven Senate seats allocated to the freshman class.

Each candidate delivered a prepared opening statement and closing statement and also fielded three questions from Tufts Elections Commission and the audience. The candidates were asked to discuss their experience, their interest in the various Senate committees and what role they believe is the Senate should play in campus unity and diversity.

Many of the candidates had specific ideas for what they would do to improve the university, while others did not have concrete ideas. Several candidates cited their previous leadership experiences in high school as a reason why they would be successful as senators.

Candidates outlined extending the hours of various campus buildings, improving Tufts' sustainability, making Tufts more accommodating to student interests and increasing communication between the Senate and the student body, as among their priorities.

TCU President Tomas Garcia, a senior, was impressed with the quality of the candidates' responses.

"It's a great pool," he said. "I think that the candidates as a whole are putting forward some very interesting ideas."

Garcia strongly urged the freshman class to vote for their representatives tomorrow.

"I'm very excited to see the results of the election on Tuesday, and I encourage the entire freshman class to get out there and vote, because it really does make a difference."

—by Laina Piera

Referendum 1 would allocate $20,000 to buy SMS short code

BY GABRIELLE HERNANDEZ
Daily Editorial Board

Referendum 1, which would authorize the disbursement of $20,000 to TuftsLife to fund the purchase of an SMS short code for a one-year trial period, will be put to a student body-wide vote tomorrow.

The referendum would grant TuftsLife money drawn from this year's Student Activity Budget Surplus in order to create a short code that will facilitate information dissemination on the Medford/Somerville campus.

Students will be able to text the number 88387, which spells TUFTS, to receive instant information or distribution list updates, according to senior Mike Vastola, chief operating officer of TuftsLife, whose organization is sponsoring the referendum. Vastola also joined the Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate as a senior senator last week.

The project would feature an information query system, where students could text the pre-designated short code messages to find campus information such as dining hall menus, professor office hours or Joey arrival times, according to Vastola. He noted that the short code can also be used distribute information to students who are registered members of group lists.

"You could sign up for different distribution lists to get updates on whatever organizations you're in, campus alerts, event reminders from TuftsLife, but only what you sign up for," Vastola said. "It's very customizable, and something everyone on campus can make use of."

The system is designed to be an easy and quick way to access information without needing to rely on a computer with internet access, according to Vastola.

"TuftsLife is a great resource for students, but its usefulness stops when you turn off your computer," Vastola said. "We wanted to create something to take with you."

If the referendum were to pass, the service would begin in the fall of 2012, according to Vastola.

The referendum would provide TuftsLife enough money to cover a one-year trial peri-

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TCU ELECTIONS

TCU Senate update

Former Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate associate treasurer Christie Maciejewski, a sophomore, was last night elected as treasurer in an in-house election.

Senior Matthew Schuman, who was elected to the position last semester, resigned over the summer.

By elevating to the position of treasurer, Maciejewski left empty a seat on the Allocations Board as well as the position of associate treasurer. These positions will be filled at the next Senate meeting on Oct. 2, according to TCU Senate Vice President junior Wyatt Cadley.

The Senate elected two seniors and one junior as three trustee representatives. Trustee reps serve on various trustee committees in an advising capacity and report back to the Senate.

Aaron Bartel, a senior, will serve as the representative to the Board of Trustees' Administration and Finance Committee. Senior Josh Kapelman will advise the Board's Academic Affairs Committee. Junior Simon Metcalf will be the representative to the Board's University Advancement Committee.

Freshman Boyu Ai has dropped out of the race for Freshman Class Council Treasurer.

—by Amelie Hecht and Saumya Vashimpayan

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Tufts laptop with confidential personal information stolen

BY BRIONNA JIMERSON
Daily Editorial Board

VIRGINIA BLEDSOE/TUFTS DAILY

After a Tufts laptop was stolen this past spring, GSAS applicants' identities are now endangered.

A Tufts-owned research laptop containing the personal information of 73 applicants to the Tufts Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) was stolen in April, though there has been no sign of misuse of the information to date.

A research associate at the GSAS was using the laptop when it was stolen from Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) last spring, according to a release issued by the Office of University Counsel.

The computer held a 2010 spreadsheet containing the social security numbers, contact information and personal academic records of 73 then-applicants to the graduate school.

Though the laptop was equipped with encryption software, the research assistant was not able to attest to whether the laptop had been shut down properly and the software enabled, therefore potentially leaving the data available for manipulation, according to Director of Public Relations Kim Thurler.

"Someone finding the laptop might have been able to access the data without a password," said the release from the Tufts Office of University Counsel to the New Hampshire State Attorney General's Office.

As of last month, there was no record that anyone had illegally used any of the data on the spreadsheet, according to Thurler.

The document was downloaded and used in early 2010, raising questions about why the information was being kept on the laptop at all, according to the release.

One student whose information was on the stolen laptop was from New Hampshire, where the law dictates that breaches of personal security be reported, according to the release.

The laptop theft was reported first to the MGH information technology department and the police, according to the information that Tufts released to the New Hampshire State Attorney General's Office according to the law.

Tufts' Office of University Council learned that the spreadsheet containing personal information "might have been compromised" on June 16. After the theft was reported, a search of the laptop's backup drive was conducted, revealing the spreadsheet.

All affected students were notified of the security breach via mail on July 7, and the university offered them one year of free credit monitoring from Experian, a credit-monitoring provider.

One student whose information was stored on the laptop and asked to remain anonymous due to the tenuous nature of the security of her personal information, said she has signed up to use the credit monitoring system offered by the university.

"There's no sign that anyone has attempted to use my information, but the whole incident put a bad taste in my mouth," she said. "I don't understand why my information was made downloadable to anyone with an Internet connection."

A blogger from Databreaches.net, a website dedicated to reporting information and technology security violations, was one of the first to report the breach online.

There was a three-week gap between the time the university learned of the document and the time it notified students.

This is not unusual, the blogger — who also preferred to remain anonymous — told the Daily.

"Once the university learned the laptop contained student information, it had to locate a backup or other way to reconstruct whose data was in that file, prepare a notification letter, arrange for credit protection monitoring and ensure that it complied with all relevant state laws," the blogger said.

According to James Boffetti, senior assistant attorney general of New Hampshire, the potential of a breach that would put a New Hampshire resident at risk was considered a serious offense. The New Hampshire Attorney General's Office could not disclose the identity of the affected individual.

Thurler said that the incident served as a warning to students and faculty to protect their personal information.

"Everyone needs to control, encrypt and physically secure laptops and other information devices and to limit the sharing and use of personally identifiable information," she said. "The university continues to enhance its efforts in this area."

Following the incident, Tufts implemented a Written Information Security Program. Spearheaded by University Information Technology, the program is designed to increase security safeguards on personal information.

Social security numbers will also no longer distributed to faculty members as part of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences admissions process, Thurler said.

Visiting the Hill this Week

MONDAY
"CIA Complicity in the Global Drug Trade"
Details: University of Wisconsin, Madison history professor Alfred McCoy and University of California, Berkeley English professor Peter Dale Scott will participate in a panel discussion about the Central Intelligence Agency.
When and Where: 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Cabot Intercultural Center, Cabot Auditorium
Sponsors: International Relations program

TUESDAY
"Ancient Mbira Music of Zimbabwe"
Details: Musicians Caution Shonhai and Erica Azim present an evening of mbira, or thumb piano, music. Shonhai carries on his great-great-great-great grandfather's legacy in performing a local version of ancient Shona mbira tradition.
When and Where: 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Granoff Music Building, Distler Performance Hall
Sponsors: Department of Music

WEDNESDAY
"Wayne Hoffman Discussion"
Details: Author Wayne Hoffman will discuss Jewish lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues through his new book "Sweet Like Sugar" (2011), a narration of an unlikely friendship formed between a young gay man and an elderly Orthodox rabbi.
When and Where: 12 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.; Granoff Family Hillel Center
Sponsors: Tufts Hillel

THURSDAY
"From Michelle Bachmann to Michelle Obama"
Details: Presenter Dr. Melissa Harris-Perry is a political science professor at Tulane University, where she is founding director of the Cooper Project on Gender, Race, and Politics in the South.
When and Where: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Cohen Auditorium
Sponsors: Dean of Student Affairs Office, Africana Center, Asian American Center, Latino Center, LGBT Center, Women's Center, International Center, Office of Residential Life and Learning, Office for Campus Life, AS&E Office of Diversity Education

—compiled by Bianca Blakesley

Referendum would fund text message system

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od, for the purpose of testing the use and capability of the code for future university usage. TuftsLife will keep statistics on the use of the service, and the Senate will reassess continued funding for the service after one year.

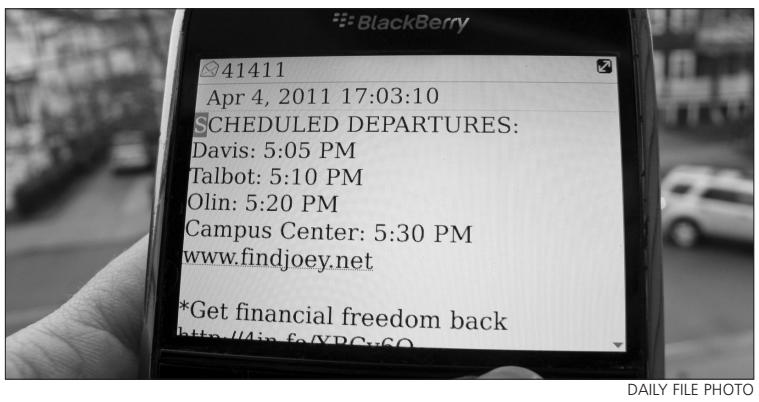
"This is a trial program because it's somewhat expensive," Vastola said.

The referendum funds can only be allocated if there is a minimum of $170,000 in the surplus fund, according to former TCU Senate Treasurer Kate de Klerk, a senior.

Current TCU Treasurer sophomore Christie Maciejewski said that the TCU currently has the minimum surplus funding for the service and anticipates that the required funding will remain stable for the next few years.

Vastola believes that groups other than the TCU Senate may eventually contribute to the cost of covering the service.

"We don't envision that $20,000 being a bottom-line cost of the service," Vastola said. "We plan on using stakeholders, maybe different departments, to offset the cost. Eventually, we want them to chip in if they're making use of the service, but we think it's important to get the ball rolling to show how important this service is."



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If Referendum 1 passes, TCU would fund an informational SMS system.

If the Senate decides to renew the service after the trial year has ended, the service will operate at an estimated cost of $17,800 annually, according to Maciejewski.

Some TCU senators have raised concerns about the expensive trial period and the functionality of the service.

Senator and member of the allocations board Yulia Korovikov, a junior, is opposed to the referendum, which she considers unnecessary given the prevalence of smartphones on campus.

"I think that it's a poor use of $20,000 of the students' funds," she said. "Had this program and this idea come maybe 10 years ago, it would've been great, but in the world of smartphones it seems a bit antiquated."

Vastola believes that making the information available through text messaging will make it more accessible to a broader range of people, rather than only those with smartphones.

"The reason we're going with this as opposed to a mobile website is that a lot of students don't have global web access," Vastola said. "Not everyone has a smartphone."

Korovikov noted that the short code would require additional fees paid for by students beyond the money allocated by the referendum.

"Some students don't have unlimited text messaging," she said. "It's not just the initial $20,000, which is already an incredible amount. It's $20,000 plus the cost of text messages."

Features

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The Tufts Sustainability Collective, which includes Tufts Bikes, is prepared for a new year of growth after its founders have graduated.

Sustainability group grows under new leaders

BY MARGARET YOUNG
Daily Editorial Board

There comes a moment in the life of every student group when it must say goodbye to the proud parents that fostered it from infancy and strike out into the world of the Tufts community on its own. For the Tufts Sustainability Collective (TSC), that moment came early — a few months after its birth last spring, when its two co-founders graduated.

Sally Sharrow and Signe Porteshawver, who both graduated last spring, joined forces last year to create the collective as an umbrella organization that now encompasses four student organizations: Tufts Bikes, the year-old Tom Thumb's Garden, Students for a Just and Stable Future, and the Sustainable Action Squad (SAS) — formerly known as Tufts Against Plastic (TAP).

When spring came and Sharrow and Porteshawver were preparing to graduate from Tufts and TSC, however, the group was well prepared for the transition, according to new TSC co-coordinator junior Katy Kidwell. Last year Porteshawver and Sharrow oversaw the metamorphosis of the Environmental Consciousness Outreach (ECO), now defunct, as it became the TSC as it's known today.

Sharrow and Porteshawver realized that the format of ECO, which served the same function as TSC, was ineffective and lacked interest from the student body. They spent the 2010-2011 school year restructuring and creating TSC, according to Kidwell.

"Sally and Signe were running [ECO] and they realized that there were a lot of really good ideas and not a lot of action. So they had the idea to organize it in this way, and devoted all of spring to rewriting the constitution, changing the name and contacting the branches," Kidwell said.

Having seen TSC through this transition, however, it soon came time for Sharrow and Porteshawver to graduate and leave TSC in the hands of new leadership.

Luckily for the collective, Kidwell and senior Jibade Sandiford were poised to take over as co-directors at the beginning of this year. "I learned the whole thing, so that's why I ended up being the co-director this semester. They [Sharrow and Porteshawver] were lucky that they found people who were present through the transition," Kidwell said.

Sandiford said that he, Kidwell and Porteshawver worked over the summer to ensure that TSC kept up the momentum it generated last year. He credited the co-founders with laying the groundwork for the collective's success so far.

"Signe is still in the area, so over the summer we launched a website and fleshed out a vision for this year," Sandiford said. "They did a great job of putting a base down and now it's just running, and I'm just maintaining it," Kidwell added.

TSC provides financial and volunteer support for the organizations it houses, as well as organizing its own programs and providing funding for students who come to them with ideas for projects involving sustainability. "The collective is an established group which can provide people with a great idea with the means to get started," Kidwell said.

This year, TSC will once again host a sustainability roundtable discussion among student groups, staff, faculty and administrators concerned with Tufts' environmental policies. Additionally, TSC will be hosting smaller events throughout the semester. "We have a lot of events going on, bringing in all of the new groups as well. [There will be an event] almost every week this month," Sandiford said. Kidwell said that TSC plans to host an event with members of the Office of Sustainability's Eco-Reps program, as well as promote the harvest week in the dining halls, since it is focused around local food sources.

According to Kidwell, the member group with whom TSC is most closely associated is the Sustainable Action Squad. "All of the branches function completely separately, but the Sustainable Actions Squad is kind of our thing, so we organize [it]," Kidwell said.

SAS itself is relatively new, having evolved from the TAP campaign last year. TAP is the student group responsible for working with the administration to remove the Poland Spring water bottle cooler from Hodgdon Good-To-Go and help make reusable water bottles more accessible to students. According to the TSC website, "SAS evolved from Tufts Against Plastic, the student-led initiative to get water bottles out of Hodgdon Good-to-Go and get affordable Nalgenes into the hands of students."

According to sophomore and TSC executive board member Anna Lello-Smith, the transition from a plastic theme to a more general theme of sustainability has served to broaden the focus of the group.

"It has broadened from this one campaign to a general support network which they'll pick a specific campaign for each year or semester," Lello-Smith explained.

The format for the TAP campaign came from an Experimental College course taught by Office of Sustainability Program Director Tina Woolston. Woolston's class was responsible for initiating trayless dining in Dewick and Carmichael and for encouraging the implementation of default double-sided printing in the library.

When the TAP campaign became larger than the confines of the class, it moved to fall under TSC, Kidewell explained. "Since the campaigns [from Woolston's class] have been so successful, we are modeling our campaigns after the class."

According to Sandiford, TSC hopes to apply this format and curriculum not only to its campaigns, but also to training for current members. "Essentially we have built into SAS a framework in which we teach members who want to learn how to run their own campaign and organize, based off of the ExCollege class and applying Tina Woolston's curriculum," he said.

Through this approach, TSC will have a means of grooming its members for leadership positions so that the organization can get off to a strong start each year. Kidwell and Lello-Smith both said they hoped to see incoming freshmen assuming responsibilities in TSC in the coming year. "It seemed like there was a lot of interest at the GIM so hopefully we'll get some new freshmen who would be interested in taking on a leadership role, and maybe leaders from some of the braches will want to take on a leadership role. Also, hopefully we'll have a new generation that will be able to take on a role," Lello-Smith said.

Additionally, TSC hopes to become more of a presence on campus. "We're trying to increase our visibility. We want people to know what it is and that these changes that some people don't even notice are happening with small

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HANNAH FURGANG | THE TIM TAM SLAM

An intro-duction

Oh, hey guys! My name's Hannah, and I'm new here. I'm gonna be asking where things are for the next few months, so please bear with me.

I'm a freshman from Newton, Mass., and I'll be using this column to tell you all about the first-year experience at Tufts from my perspective.

Wow, I still can't believe I'm really here! It's so cool to actually be at college. It's just like the parts of the movies that my mom didn't fast-forward through. I already know that there will be so much to write about.

I think it's going to be a good four years. I got a little scared earlier when I heard some nasty rumors about students running around in the nude. Can you believe what some people will say?

I've only been here for a couple of weeks, but I love this place already. All you upperclassmen are really friendly, especially those nice boys I always pass by in the brick house on my way from Tilton to Olin, the ones sitting on couches and drinking soda. Thanks for waving back!

My classes are awesome, thanks for asking. I still can't get over how I need to call all my teachers "professor" now. Isn't that just the darndest thing?

I thought there would be a lot of work, but it isn't too bad yet. I heard the library is open until 1:00 a.m., and there are also study rooms open until three! Who is even up that late?

What do you mean, "It comes in handy?" Why would my roommate kick me out at night? All I'm doing at that point is sleeping. I don't even snore. I mean, I don't want to get into an argument with her or anything, so if she asks me to leave I guess I don't really have a problem with leaving, but — oh sure, I'll look into the dorm guest policy. Thanks for the tip!

By the way, isn't dorm life just crazy? It's so neat that I get to be neighbors with so many kids my own age. We all get along really well too. Sometimes a bunch of my hall mates will assemble in one of their rooms to get ready before a game. It's weird, because I don't know about any games happening so late at night. There are also parties happening all the time, but I haven't been invited to any yet.

I don't think I'm missing out, though, because I can have my own party every day, since my favorite dining hall, Dewick-MacPhie, has an ICE CREAM MACHINE. That's right. I can have ice cream for breakfast, and then I can have more for lunch, and then again for dinner! Usually I get vanilla, but sometimes if I'm feeling really crazy, I get the swirl. I think I'm going to be eating a lot of ice cream here. Just please don't tell my mom. I'm serious. She probably wouldn't like that.

Speaking of food, I just did that turner-tricking thing and got some free chocolate milk! I was afraid the checkout lady would yell at me, and I was shaking so badly like I do when I get nervous, but I kept my cool and I didn't get in trouble at all.

Boy, if my mom only knew what kind of shenanigans I was getting into at college...

Well folks, that's all the space I have for now. If you wanna catch up later, just look for the light blue T-shirt with the elephant on it.

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TSC a culmination of previous environmental efforts

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events, table at the farmers' market, and other little things," Kidwell said.

TSC expects that it will find support coming to them from the top, as University President Anthony Monaco has taken sustainability under his wing as an initial priority for his tenure.

Sandiford and others wrote a letter to Monaco during the summer break, encouraging him to become involved with sustainability efforts on campus. Monaco replied to the letter, saying that he would be interested in chairing a committee on sustainability.

Sandiford said that he wants to work with Monaco's administration to form a task force with students, faculty, and staff.

"I am looking forward to working with [Monaco]. He has shown a sharp contrast to the end of [former University President Lawrence] Bacow's presidency, showing that he wants to hear from students," Sandiford said.

Sandiford hopes that this interest indicates a less passive take from the administration on sustainability efforts on campus.

"It is important that although the school has been proactive, it has not taken an assertive voice form the administration," he said.

New president shares his vision for the university

MONACO

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Since assuming his new role at Tufts, Monaco has been soliciting the opinions of students, faculty, staff and alumni in what he has dubbed his "listening tour."

"What I've found is that it's a very warm community that cares pretty deeply about each other and the world in which they live," he said.

While Monaco will continue his listening tour in the weeks and months ahead, he is already planning the next steps for the university. "As well as listening, I'm also trying to do planning simultaneously. One idea is that we would like to work on a university-wide strategic plan over… an 18-month period," Monaco said.

Back and forth across the Pond

A scientist by training, Monaco, 51, is renowned in the field of neuroscience. His research has lead to a number of landmark discoveries including the first gene specifically involved in human speech and language and the gene linked with Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophies, disorders responsible for weakening the skeletal and heart muscles.

Born in Wilmington, Del., Monaco is the son of a plumber and is a first-generation college graduate. He attended Princeton University and graduated in 1981 with a self-created major in neuroscience. He then earned a Ph.D. and M.D. from Harvard University and eventually went on to pursue research in the United Kingdom.

During his tenure at Oxford, Monaco served as professor of human genetics, director of the Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics and head of the university's Neurogenetics Group. From 2007 forward, he was pro-vice-chancellor for planning and resources at the Oxford, a position that charged him with strategic planning, capital planning and student enrollment.

He is joined in Boston by his wife Zoia, a distinguished researcher in the field of cell biology, and their three sons. The Monacos, however, are not new to Boston.

"Zoia and I both developed our early research careers here in the Boston area," Monaco told the Tufts community at in his first public appearance at Tufts in November 2010, "so it's something of a homecoming for us."

Research, Sustainability and Collaboration

At Oxford, Monaco's administrative work stretched across numerous disciplines and colleges. Here, he plans to continue to promote the same sense of collaboration, particularly in the fields of research and sustainability.

"I would like to interact with the deans so that we can try to knit together some of the research collaborations and activities across the schools and to try to address some of the world's great challenges of the moment," Monaco said, citing the environment, sustainability and global health issues as examples.

Sustainability is of particular interest to Monaco. Building on the university's work at the Office of Sustainability, as well as his previous experiences at Oxford, he has outlined plans to take a direct role in the future of the green movement at Tufts.

This will include the creation of a sustainability council with university-wide representation, Monaco said.

"We could come up with a carbon management strategy, a built environment philosophy, waste strategy, water strategy and really work hard to think about innovative and new ways to reduce our carbon footprint," he said. "That to me is a priority and that should take presidential leadership."

"When I was Pro-Vice Chancellor, I was put in a position where I was trying to match the academic objectives of diverse subject[s] and disciplines — in the humanities, social sciences, hard sciences and medical sciences — to the budget allocation," Monaco said. "That taught me a lot about how to get consensus building, how to be transparent."

"I hope I bring that kind of transparency and consensus building to this job as President," he said.

"Hurrah for the dear old Brown and Blue"

Among the many things Monaco anticipated in his new role at Tufts was the opportunity to interact with the undergraduate community. His outreach efforts began months before he moved into Gifford House when he met with students last year at all Tufts campuses and at events in United Kingdom.

Monaco has also made frequent use of social media, most notably Twitter and Facebook. "I started doing this mostly as a way to break into the Tufts community and to try and connect with people before I got here…it was really a fantastic way to learn about the institution when you are across the Atlantic Ocean," he said.

He has continued to use these media since his arrival and frequently tweets about his attendance at student events.

"More recently, Facebook has kind of exploded. I have a lot of friends now…and that's fun as well," Monaco said. "I am here to support the undergraduates not only in their educational experience but also in their extracurricular activities and I am really looking forward to that."

As a sports enthusiast — he played water polo at Princeton and coached his children's soccer teams in the UK — Monaco is especially excited to attend Tufts athletic events.

"I rarely went to sports events at Oxford. They don't have as many matches. They play Cambridge and that's about it. And many times, those events are far away … so I'm really looking forward to going to see the Jumbos compete," he said.

Monaco's enthusiasm for the university also extends to its arts community. According to his Twitter account (@MonacoAnthony) he has already visited the new show at the Tufts University Art Gallery, "Richard Bell: Uz Vs. Them," and plans to continue doing so in the future.

Past Precedent, New Traditions

While policies regarding student life on the undergraduate campus are not necessarily a university president's primary focus, Monaco stands at the head of an undergraduate community still feeling the sting of the cancelation of the Nighttime Quad Reception and a series of changes to the university's alcohol policy.

Citing health and safety concerns, Monaco plans to uphold President Bacow's decision to cancel the typically alcohol-fueled event.

"I certainly concur with Larry that this is not something I can support, to see my undergraduate students ending up the local emergency room needing emergency care," he said. "The event is causing that kind of unsafe practice, [and] I would certainly not support it."

Though Monaco said there will be repercussions for students who choose to participate in the event despite its cancellation, the Committee on Student Life will be responsible for determining the consequences and he will not be involved in their deliberation.

The Tufts Community Union Senate and Programming Board are co-sponsoring a winter festival in place of the run, the specific plans for which will arrive in the coming months.

Monaco supports the creation of the new tradition and is eager to see how it evolves.

"I think that is a great way of having a new tradition, that maybe will be not alcohol fueled, that we can all engage in," he said.

Monaco will also continue Bacow's policy of meeting with students who are hospitalized due to overconsumption of alcohol.

"Whether I do it individually or in small groups, I haven't yet decided, but it is something that I would like to continue," he said. "I think it is important to meet with students who have had that experience, to make sure that they're getting the right counseling, or the right view about their way forward."

A Global Impact

As president, Monaco has embraced the university's culture of active citizenship, giving his own definition of the oft-repeated term.

"To me, active citizenship is a way of taking your objectives in teaching and research and showing how you can impact society in a positive way," Monaco said. "That to me is one of the draws I certainly saw when I wanted to come here, and also that global perspective."

Monaco has a vision for the future of the university, and is eager to see it realized.

"I would love to see that after five years of being here… we can see through the strategic plan, [and] another fundraising campaign… with the emphasis on the end product of active citizenship and impact on society, that we will have Tufts at a better, more competitive place worldwide, not just nationally," he said.

Monaco has a vision for the University and is eager to see it realized.

"It's already got a reputation internationally…and I'd like to push that envelope further," he said. "I want to make a bigger impact on society about what we do in the future."

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New England Dessert Showcase satisfies Boston-area sweet tooths

BY REBECCA SANTIAGO
Daily Editorial Board

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The second annual New England Dessert Showcase offered vendors a chance to get to know their clientele.

True sugar junkies can always find a reason to start their diets another day. On Saturday, the second-annual New England Dessert Showcase offered the perfect excuse. Dessert-lovers flocked to the Boston Sheraton Hotel, where a $30 general admission ticket unlocked the gates to confectionary heaven. The event offered samples from over 20 local vendors looking to share tips and connect with their clientele.

The hotel's Grand Ballroom showcased rows of tables heaping with everything from commonplace cookies to Konditor Meister's elaborate wedding cakes. A stage near the front of the room hosted live demos from Boston-area chefs and entrepreneurs every half-hour. Their presentations — especially Finale pastry chef Nicole Coady's — were interesting enough, but the real showstopper was the world's largest cannoli, a saccharine monster that stretched to 12 feet and weighed over 300 pounds.

That cannoli is the magnum opus of Somerville-based Golden Cannoli Shells and The Anthem Group, the masterminds behind the Dessert Showcase. Employees from Golden Cannoli Shells manned a table in front of the gentle giant, offering two-inch cannolis for a suggested $1 donation to charity and chatting with customers about their record-breaking baking endeavor. One pastry chef said, "It took us seven tries to bake it," revealing a smattering of burns on his inner arms. Apparently, colossal cannoli-baking is not for the weak of heart.

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Old favorites return to television this month

BY JOSEPH STILE
Daily Editorial Board

CARIN BAER/FOX

Fox's 'Glee' is one of many beloved shows to return this week.

This month, many beloved television shows return to the airwaves after their summer hiatus. Fans will finally get to see if their favorite shows will continue to succeed or if they will take a turn for the worse.

Reality television fans will be parked on the couch tonight with the return of ABC's "Dancing with the Stars" and NBC's "The Sing-Off." While "The Sing-Off" was a huge hit on the Tufts campus two years ago when it featured beloved a capella group The Beelzebubs, "Dancing with the Stars" is massively popular nationwide, and buzz for this season has already started. Among "Dancing's" new ensemble, this season will feature Cher's transgender son, Chaz, as one of its contestants. This season will test how accepting American viewers are toward transgendered individuals as voters decide if Chaz makes the cut each week.

Fox's "Glee" was one of the most talked-about series this summer. Between rumors of characters graduating and creator Ryan Murphy's wild comments, "Glee" stayed in the news even while off the air. This Tuesday, viewers will find out if all that talk and buzz will translate into the quality productions "Glee" was known for in its earlier seasons.

One show that will definitely return with a different spin is CBS's "Two and Half Men," premiering tonight. After Charlie Sheen's notorious breakdown earlier this year, the hit comedy is continuing without its star actor. The show has picked up funnyman Ashton Kutcher, known for his solid comedic work on "That '70s Show" (1998-2006), to fill the void left by Sheen.

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'Mad Men' wins fourth Emmy for best drama series

FRANK OCKENFELS/AMC

Other Emmy winners include "Modern Family" for best comedy series, "Friday Night Lights'" Kyle Chandler for best actor in a drama, "The Good Wife's" Julianna Margulies for best actress in a drama, "The Big Bang Theory's" Jim Parsons for best actor in a comedy and "Mike & Molly's" Melissa McCarthy for best actress in a comedy.

CHRIS POLDOIAN | EXTRA BUTTER

From BMI to LOL

You know what the most awkward part is about Facebook photo-stalking — other than admitting to the entire Tufts population that you actually Facebook-stalk? The answer: pressing the left key when viewing the first photo. It is that chance click that sends you soaring into yester-year, to the days of pudgy, awkward adolescence. Yeah, it's weird. I imagine that's how most of us will feel now when we pop in any of our old movies starring Jonah Hill.

In case your last copy of People magazine got lost in the mail, Jonah Hill lost a prodigious 40 pounds this summer for his upcoming film adaptation of the hit television show, "21 Jump Street" (2012). Some are applauding Hill for his newfound love-affair with salads and ellipticals; however, many feel that he shed much more than poundage. By losing weight, Jonah lost his sense of humor.

Is there a connection between corpulence and comedy? The tradition of fat comedians stretches back to characters like Falstaff in Shakespeare's Henry IV. Since then, we've had an array of comedians of all shapes and sizes. There exists the unwritten rule that every skinny character requires a fat foil. The lanky Don Quixote needed his tubby Sancho Panza, just as Dan Aykroyd needed John Belushi in "The Blues Brothers" (1980). And where would David Spade be without Chris Farley? Is it any surprise then that Jonah's breakout role paired him with the scrawny Michael Cera?

Yes, the evidence is quite strong. So strong, in fact, that many actors have gained weight for laughs. Rob McElhenny of "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" recently gained over 50 pounds to make his character funnier. Other less-dedicated actors have worn what many consider to be the bane of cinematic comedy — the fat suit. A comedic crutch, the fat suit was built for the lowest common denominator. It's the equivalent of a Carlos Mencia joke — offensive in its crudeness and unoriginality. Just think of virtually every Eddie Murphy movie in the past decade. Yes, I'm looking at you, "Norbit" (2007).

So if fat means funny, how can we explain the success of people like Woody Allen, Vince Vaughn pre- "Fred Claus" (2007), Jim Carrey and Larry David? These guys don't rely on fat jokes, and with the exception of Carrey, don't aim for the broadest of comedy styles. They find those relatable or ridiculous moments of our lives — awkwardness around women in Allen's case, or just awkwardness in general for someone like David — and convey it to the audience in a clever way that makes us laugh.

So while broad comedy does support this "fat-is-funnier" paradigm, there are just as many opportunities for the rest of Hollywood. Corpulence alone might elicit a chuckle, but the laugh would be unearned. Witty writing always trumps banal physicality. To paraphrase "Mean Girls" (2004), some comedians are funny because they are fat, but no comedian is fat because they are funny. If that were true, Gabriel Iglesias would look like Mischa Barton. Someone throw that girl a Snickers bar — or a teen drama series — ASAP!

When I think back to "Superbad" (2007), the scenes with Jonah that really stand out aren't directly connected to his weight. Remember that scene where a girl drunkenly menstruates onto his jeans? Would I have laughed any less had Jonah been wearing size-32 skinny jeans from Urban Outfitters? Probably not.

Jonah's weight loss isn't that detrimental. Sure, he can't make some of the physical jokes anymore, but weren't we all kind of tired of those already? There's only so many "I'm-way-too-fat-to-get-with-anyone" jokes I can stomach.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Laura Marling's latest explores dark, sophisticated themes

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Laura Marling's third album, "A Creature I Don't Know," has been highly anticipated ever since she started recording it. After bringing innovative style and attitude to the singer-songwriter scene with her first two albums, Marling faced real pressure of following up with something just as good, if not better.

A Creature I Don't Know
Laura Marling
★★★★½
Virgin Records

Once known for rejuvenating the London folk scene alongside Noah and the Whale and Mumford and Sons, Marling struck out on her own after a messy break-up with Noah and the Whale's frontman Charlie Fink. If her two successful albums are any indication, it is evident that Marling belongs in a level all her own.

"A Creature I Don't Know" has a more American vibe than the folksy sounds of "I Speak Because I Can" (2010) and "Alas, I Cannot Swim" (2008). The song "Salinas," for example, is a Steinbeck-influenced homage to the West Coast.

The first track on the album, "The Muse," is an upbeat, guitar-strumming tune with a bluesy twist. From the onset, Marling is clearly indicating a change in her style and the maturation of her sound. It isn't just her voice that has developed; her lyrics deal with solemn topics, including the battle of wills, good versus bad and creatures that lurk in the dark. Gone are the fanciful tales of whimsy recorded on "Alas, I Cannot Swim." Adulthood is a scary concept that Marling aims to tackle head-on.

The potency and cheer of the first songs on the album ends at "Night after Night," where Marling demonstrates the strength of her songwriting and voice through a melancholy ballad that borders on eerie through its dark themes. "My Friends" is another measured track that builds up through spiraling tone-shifts and an unusually poignant banjo. On "The Beast," Marling sings, "Instead I got the beast/ And tonight he lies with me," indicating her coming-to-terms with her individuality. Her sophisticated mindset has made her music darker and more volatile than on previous albums.

"Rest in the Bed" is where the album picks up again; though the track features haunting backing vocals and a slow, sad guitar, the mood shifts later in the song. Marling laments, "All that I have are these bones/ And all that I want is a home." That refrain later transforms to a more resiliently sung, "Rest in the bed of my bones."

It is difficult to pinpoint the exact moment in the album where the mood is realized, but on "Sophia," Marling displays a sharp grasp of the limits of her voice — there are hardly any — and her ability to mix and match genres like it's the easiest thing in the world. Her fixation on bluesy Western style reaches its pinnacle about three-quarters of the way into "Sophia," when the song suddenly turns into an upbeat, lively tune.

From that track on, the mood pivots. "Sophia," alongside "All My Rage," transforms the tender, melancholy and almost bitter album into something sweeter, more confusing and packed with infinite talent.

Laura Marling released her first album at the young age of 19, and at the time, her music appeared to be far beyond her years. However, in comparison to this album, "Alas, I Cannot Swim" seems naive and far too full of innocent hope. "A Creature I Don't Know" is still optimistic, but carries with it an adult perspective and a far deeper understanding of her own ability.

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Despite her young age, Marling is a mature performer.

REBECCA SANTIAGO/TUFTS DAILY
This giant cannoli was crafted by Somerville-based Golden Cannoli Shells.

Dessert Showcase celebrates Boston's sweeter side

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Of course, size isn't everything, and the majority of the Dessert Showcase's delights came in small packages. This was probably for the best with some of the denser desserts: Finale's flourless chocolate cakes infused with espresso and Konditor Meister's chocolate champagne decadence squares crammed rich tastes and textures into the smallest possible surface areas.

Chocoholics seeking lighter fare were not without options. Some indulged in Whoopie Monster's all-natural whoopie pies, while others headed over to Lilly's for mint chocolate-chip cupcakes. Hardcore aficionados hovered around Boston Chocolate Tours' table, where Director of Operations Joanne Codi explained different methods of chocolate processing.

Codi offered guests samples of salt-and-pepper-flavored chocolate, courtesy of Somerville's Taza Chocolate. The Taza chocolatiers use processing techniques that mirror those of the ancient Mayans. Whereas most European chocolatiers reintroduce extracted cocoa butter to their finished product and Americans substitute wax, Codi said, "[The Mayans] would extract the cocoa butter… and leave their chocolate just like that, so it's a grainier, drier complexity."

For the variety-craving sweet tooth, chocolate was far from the be-all-end-all of the Dessert Showcase. Kueh's Southeast Asian desserts were an exotic hit, featuring squares of rainbow-colored glutinous rice, coconut jelly, a semi-savory sweet potato and ginger soup and black rice pudding with coconut milk. Just Add Cheese, a website run by two twenty-something foodies, handed out squares of peach mascarpone with a spicy kick. Rago Events supplemented their colorful display with samples of a light and nutty bananas Foster.

The event even tossed a bone to healthier attendees, as nutritious snacks snuck into the room under decadent façades. At a table strewn with dried flowers, Vision's Sown described themselves as "ancient bakers," committed to using plant-based ingredients, health research and wisdom from ancient cultures to craft innovative and healthy desserts. Michael McCarthy, the creator of gluten-free, organic and sinfully sweet Budi Bars, personally chopped up and distributed samples of his product. At a nearby table, KIND Bars handed out fruit-and-nut bars to keep attendees energized. Thirsty guests swung by Hint Water's stand for bottles of water with just a taste of natural flavors, including blackberry, honeydew-hibiscus and cucumber.

Though New England Dessert Showcase attendees had the option to weave through treat-laden tables for hours, guests showed signs of fatigue well before the event was over. The obvious explanation: a sugar crash that seemed likely to lead to a sugar coma. Perhaps the afternoon did offer a little too much of a good thing, but that didn't seem to stop anyone from stuffing their goodie bags with last-minute necessities — candy bars, cubes of fudge, the occasional menu — on their way out.

Fall season promises great TV watching

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It is yet to be seen whether the masses will continue watching the show without Sheen, and if they will accept Kutcher as his replacement.

This Thursday, NBC's "The Office" will be tackling similar questions now that Steve Carell has left the show. James Spader has joined the cast, though he will not be filling Carell's shoes as office manager (and we have yet to discover who will). Many fans and critics believe the quality of "The Office" has fallen in recent seasons, so this casting change could either be what brings the show back to its former glory or the final straw.

Also returning to NBC's Thursday night lineup this week is the critically acclaimed "Parks and Recreation." This show was one of the best-reviewed programs of last season, and many fans are eager to see if the series can sustain that high quality this year. The show has opened itself up to some hilarious possibilities as its main character, Leslie Knope (Amy Poehler), has decided to run for local office. Poehler, a Saturday Night Live alumna and Emmy nominee, is likely to make the most out of these potentially uproarious storylines.

"Community" will also face high expectations when it returns for its third season this Thursday. "Community" is known for its rapid-fire dialogue and talented cast, including Donald Glover, who has made a name for himself as an up-and-coming rapper under the pseudonym Childish Gambino. While "Community" never made it big in the ratings category, the show has a dedicated and loyal fan base that is excited to see what adventures the students of Greendale Community College will embark on next.

Sunday brings the return of Fox's "Family Guy," a show known for its cutaway gags and absurdity. Many viewers also want to see if its random jokes can keep being funny after so many years on the air.

As September brings the return of fan favorites, viewers will have to wait and see if the series will live up to the hype.

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EDITORIAL

Vote no on Referendum 1

In Tuesday's school-wide Tufts Community Union Senate election, students will be voting on Referendum 1, which would allocate $20,000 to TuftsLife to lease and operate an SMS short code, TUFTS (88387), for 12 months.

The service would allow students to text this number and get an instant pre-programmed response to a variety of questions such as the hours and menus of the dining halls or office hours of a professor as well as subscribe to user-selected alerts about topics like meeting reminders.

While these services could be helpful, we believe that any potential convenience is simply not worth $20,000 for the 12-month period.

The main point of contention is where this money comes from. The $20,000 will be taken from the Student Activity Budget Surplus once the funds become available. Students pay the Student Activity Fee — $296 this year — with the understanding that it allows them to join, create and improve a number of different student organizations. That surplus money could be used to help new groups get funding or to help improve existing groups. Instead, a huge sum is being spent on a service of questionable usefulness.

While TuftsLife states on its website that there are no other concrete plans for how to use these surplus funds, we should not impatiently rush into supporting a flawed project just because a better alternative does not yet exist.

The service itself is a solution to a problem that doesn't exist. Students with smartphones have web browsers that can provide answers to any question the proposed SMS short code could, and students without smartphones still have plenty of non-phone options for finding out this information.

Furthermore, as smartphones get more affordable and ubiquitous, an SMS short code becomes even less useful, making this project one with a very limited time to shine.

Students are used to planning where and when their meetings are, going on a computer to check the dining hall menus and texting a number to get the Joey schedule. We don't need a number to text for every single query that we may have in a given day.

The referendum vote is going to open up at midnight tonight. The question is not whether the proposed service is a good idea.

The question is whether or not having that service is worth $20,000. The Daily's believes the funds would be better spent elsewhere.

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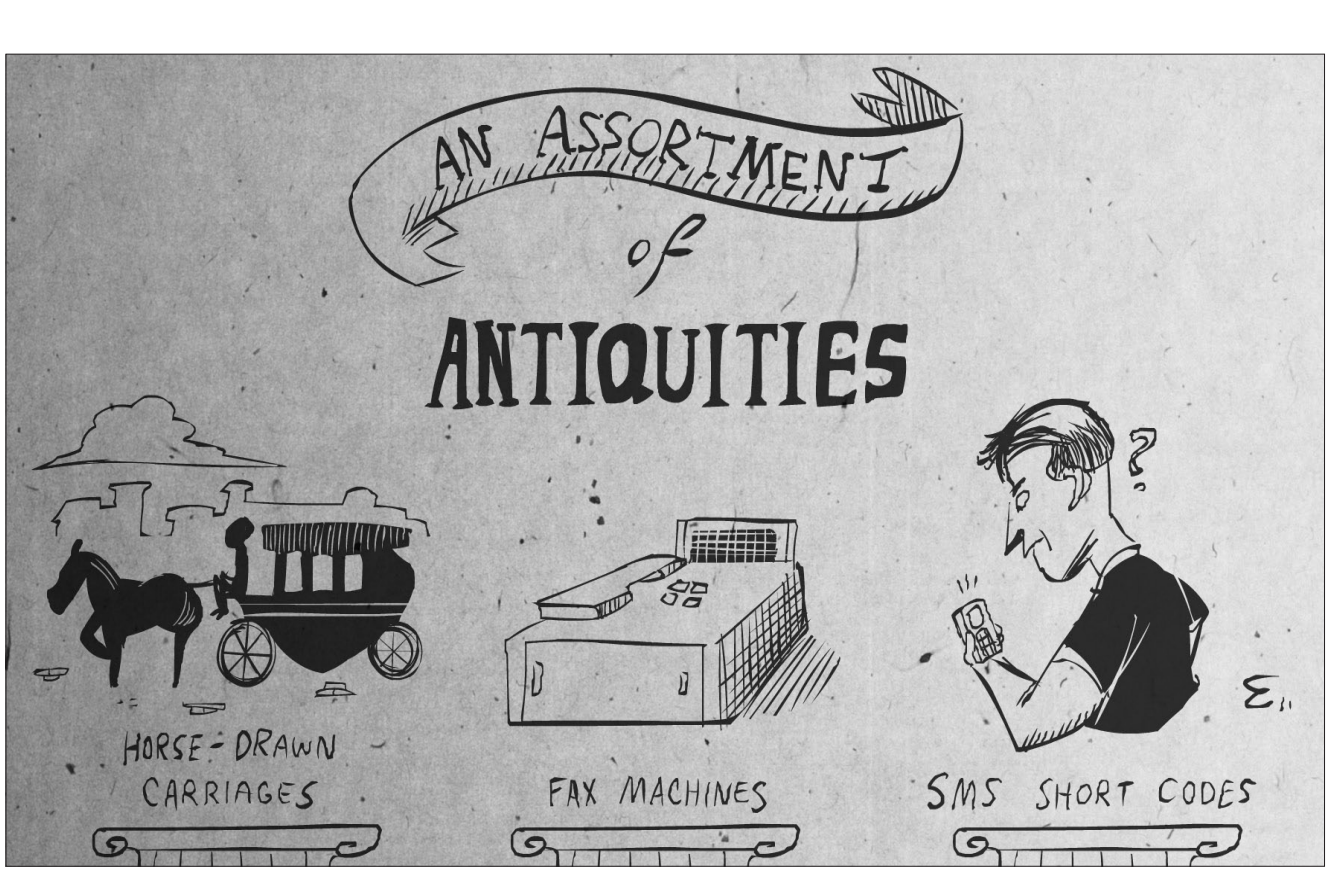

FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Change is in the air

After two long weeks of getting your campus newspaper fix every other weekday, here it is: your first true daily Daily of fall 2011.

For the Daily staff, it means two things. One, we no longer have to explain why there is no Daily on certain weekdays, and, two, we now have much less free time.

But, if we valued our free time, we wouldn't be in the business of delivering you the most timely stories about what's going on around campus and the surrounding communities — and delivering new Sudoku, crossword and Jumble puzzles every day to keep your mind off lectures.

We know the printed media party is winding down, and we're putting plenty of effort into our digital presence. We've got some big plans for TuftsDaily.com. Our blogs, Jumbo Slice and The Score, are in better shape than ever, and we plan to add a third one in the future. For the most up-to-the-minute campus news, be sure to follow us on Twitter @tuftsdaily and @tuftsdailysport.

But wait, there are more ways to make sure you are never without your beloved Daily content. Be sure to sign up for our e-newsletter and like us on Facebook to stay a part of the conversation.

Last, but certainly not least, while we've been getting ourselves settled back into the luxurious confines of our Curtis Hall basement office, we've been picking a great batch of columns.

In Features, it's the usual eclectic mix.

Hannah Furgang will share her adventures of navigating the strange waters of freshman year. Alison Williams and Sarah Gottlieb will be giving advice of the sexual nature in "Generation SEX." Kacey Rayder will be venting about her pet peeve of the week, and Chelsea Stevens will be sharing her general Tufts musings.

The Arts section will satisfy your artistic cravings.

Columnist Chris Poldoian returns triumphantly from a year abroad to share his witty analysis of the film industry in his new column "Extra Butter," but if you're looking for something a bit less Hollywood, look no further than Jordan Teicher, who's focusing on independent films with his aptly named "The Independent."

Tai Frater, a Brit, will be partaking in American culinary experiences, while Alexandria Chu will share her love of reading — not websites or blogs — but good old-fashioned books.

Op-Ed has a strong group of hard-hitting writers — Prashanth Parameswaran, Walt Laws-MacDonald, Amanda Johnson and Angad Bagai who will explore contemporary, socio-economic and political issues.

Sports has four of our editors giving their own unique spin. Three, Alex Prewitt, Ben Kochman and David McIntyre are veteran sports columnists. One, Ben Kochman once wrote a column about sandwiches. They're joined by Arts Editor Zach Drucker, who is taking a break from writing about movies to turn his focus to New York sports teams.

It's a fascinating time to be at the Daily. Not only is the journalism industry undergoing rapid change, but there's sure to be plenty of change on the Hill coming with the arrival of new University President Anthony Monaco. And as our slogan says, whatever happens, you'll read it here first.

Sincerely,
Carter Rogers
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No deal: the hidden costs of Referendum 1

BY BRIAN PILCHIK AND YULIA KOROVIKOV

Would you spend $20,000 on a text message? Tomorrow, you will have the opportunity to vote on whether or not the Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate will allocate that amount for the creation of a text-messaging system. But before you vote on Referendum 1, you'll want to ask yourself a few questions: Do we need it? Would it work? And would it be worth it?

We're talking about purchasing the ability for students to receive text-message updates from TuftsLife. At first, that doesn't sound so bad. After all, who doesn't want to stay informed? Then again, TuftsLife is already accessible through any device with Internet access. Any student within walking distance of the Tisch Library or Eaton Computer Lab, then, already has access to all of this information. So this service only becomes useful for Jumbos with no data plan, no iPod and no laptop... but an unlimited texting plan. Without unlimited text messaging, every message to and from TuftsLife will come with an added cost.

Suppose, then, that you fall into this demographic, and you want to get texts. The fact is systems are already in place that you can use for free. Interested in the latest menu from Tufts Dining Services? Sign up for texts through their Twitter page. It's free. Want reminders for upcoming events? Your Google Calendar or iCal would be happy to send those along. It's free. Concerned about campus safety? The Tufts University Police Department already uses Send Word Now to text, email and call all students in the case of an emergency. It's free, too. These services already exist, and they don't cost the community anything.

In our discussion so far, we've been assuming that the proposed "SMS short code" program would, if purchased, properly function as a tool for Tufts students. It is important to note, however, that such a system has yet to be tested on this campus. Not only may we find that it is not needed, but it may very well fail to properly interact with users. Attempting to communicate your precise request with an automated system unlikely to understand what you need would become a messy and convoluted process, especially over text message. Getting the right data about the right meeting on the right day could prove impossible.

Surely, then, a trial of the system would be needed. But here's the problem: That "trial" is a 12-month non-refundable $20,000 deposit. They're not getting us a free test-run or a small focus group; they're looking to purchase a campus-wide plan at full price.

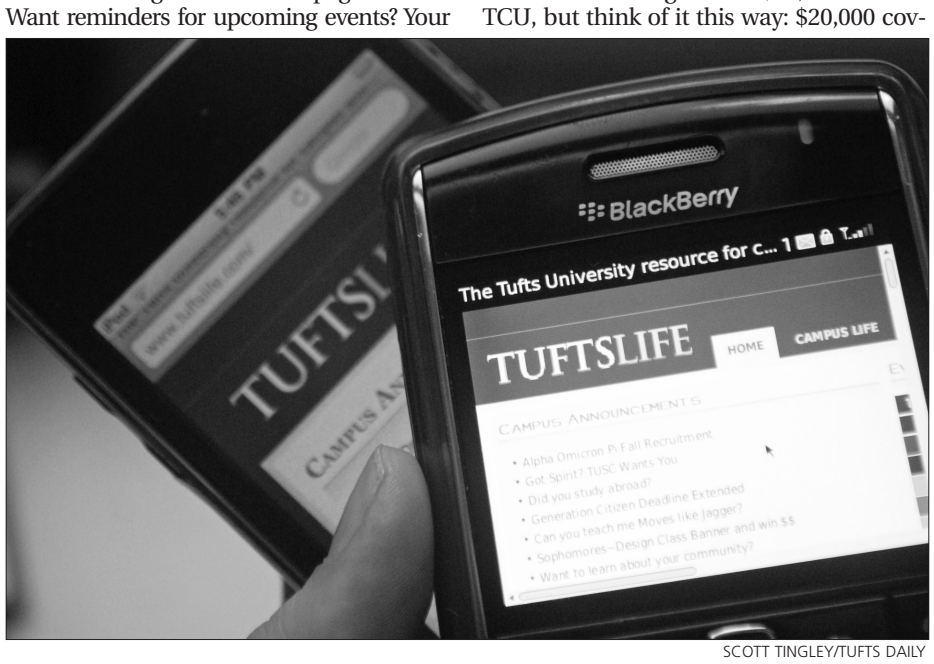
So let's look at the price tag. It may be hard to tell how significant $20,000 is to the TCU, but think of it this way: $20,000 covers the entire cost of Tuftonia's Day, three separate student publications or two years' worth of Tufts Dance Collective shows. It's over a 1,000-percent increase in the budget for TuftsLife and almost four times the funding Relay for Life receives; all of this for some texts?

Instead, consider the programs Senate has supported in the past with these funds. The creation of the Tufts Bikes program, renovations for the Crafts Center and new vans for the Leonard Carmichael Society, Tufts Mountain Club and Tier II club sports all came from this grant process. For $20,000, couldn't we do better than a texting service?

And that's not the only cost. While Referendum 1 calls for a "one-time" payment, that money only covers the cost of this year. The system will incur similar fees every year afterward. That money will either come out of our funds year after year, or, as the proponents suggest, they will "start charging organizations a per-message fee when they send SMSes to distribution lists using this service." A portion of every club budget on campus would have to be set aside each year to fund the texting program. That means lower working budgets for everyone.

The question remains: Would you spend $20,000 on a text message? If we needed it, we would consider whether or not it would work. If we determined it would work, we would consider whether or not it was worth the cost. And if we determined it was worth the cost, then we would be willing to sacrifice those funds. But we can see that this service provides nothing "groundbreaking," may not even function, and has hidden costs beyond the enormous initial expense. At best, a text-messaging system is redundant. At worst, it arrives broken. Either way, it costs $20,000 a year.

Last year, the Senate voted overwhelmingly against this purchase, 6-13-1. On Tuesday we, the student body, will face the same choice. Do we want our money available for new programs, renovations, and organizations, or do we want to blow it all on a text message?



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Democracy in crisis: the CIA's narcotics connection

BY JERRY MELDON

In May 1971, upwards of 17 years into the Second Indochina War and not long before the Watergate scandal brought down Richard Nixon, a photograph of South Vietnam's vice president appeared on the cover of Ramparts Magazine. Next to him were the words: "Marshal Ky: Biggest Pusher in the World?"

It turned out not to be an unfair question.

Nguyen Cao Ky had been stashing away profits from the booming trade in heroin — the drug to which hundreds of thousands of GIs were coming home hopelessly addicted. But he was one of many such CIA proteges. And it fit a pattern that has continued to the present day.

During the Carter and Reagan administrations' war to oust the Soviet army from Afghanistan in the 1980s, local warlords and their Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and Saudi-bankrolled handlers in Pakistani military intelligence pocketed billions derived from the traffic in heroin. It was not by chance that Afghanistan supplanted Southeast Asia as the source of 60 percent of the world's supply. (The CIA's collaborators included Osama bin Laden and the Islamic fundamentalist jihadists who would form the nucleus of al-Qaida, having been armed to the teeth by the Washington.)

Afghan heroin production was at a low point after September 1996 when the Taliban, having vanquished the feuding warlords, marched victoriously into Kabul. But it rebounded with a vengeance when U.S. Special Forces routed the Taliban in the wake of Sept. 11. The Taliban recovered with a vengeance when the Bush White House, having swallowed its own disinformation about Saddam Hussein's "weapons of mass destruction," made the fateful decision to divert U.S. forces to Iraq.

The profiteers reportedly included Afghan power broker and reputed CIA asset Ahmed Wali Karzai, the recently assassinated brother of President Hamid Karzai.

Throughout the war in the '80s to oust the Russians from Afghanistan, and the current decade-long war in Afghanistan — the stated aims of which have variously included the pursuit of Al-Qaida, the routing of the Taliban, the stabilization of Afghanistan and all of the above — the CIA's drug-trafficking Afghan and Pakistani assets, with rare exception, have led charmed lives thanks to get-out-of-jail free cards printed in Washington.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has a long history of treating war zones as "enforcement-free zones" when it comes to CIA assets. It did that in Indochina in the '60s and '70s. During that same era, it did that for CIA-trained Cuban exile terrorists attempting to assassinate Fidel Castro. And it did it again in Central America in the '80s — contemporaneously with the Washington-sponsored anti-Soviet jihad in Afghanistan — when the CIA-trained "contras" terrorized the Nicaraguan countryside to destabilize the Sandinista government. After the Sandinistas ousted the ruthless long-time Washington ally, Anastasio Somoza, Reagan famously dubbed the contras "the moral equivalent of our Founding Fathers."

In and of itself, CIA complicity in the global drug trade is morally indefensible. But it is especially reprehensible when it supports illegal wars like the current one in Afghanistan, which drain the national treasury to prop up corrupt foreign despots and provide a distraction from social inequities here at home. The late Japan scholar Chalmers Johnson, author of "Dismantling the Empire: America's Last Best Hope" (2010) among other important books, warned that a nation can pursue such endless wars or it can have a democracy, but it cannot do both.

In his celebrated April 1967 sermon at Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., drew the connection:

"Who are we supporting in Vietnam today? ... It's a man by the name of General Ky, who fought with the French against his own people and … said … [that his] greatest hero … is Hitler… A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death… I am disappointed with our failure to deal… with the triple evils of racism, economic exploitation and militarism. We are presently moving down a dead-end road that can lead to national disaster."

An assassin's bullet spared Dr. King the disappointment of discovering just how well-justified his pessimism had been.

If you are interested in hearing two authorities discuss CIA complicity in the global drug trade, you should consider attending tonight's event in Cabot Auditorium, which begins at 7 p.m.

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PRASHANTH PARAMESWARAN | THE ASIANIST

Why Taiwan still matters

The Obama administration's China policy came under scrutiny again — this time over Taiwan.

On Thursday, word had gotten out that the White House, after much waffling, had finally decided to sell a new arms package to Taiwan which did not include the new F-16 C/D fighter planes that Taiwan and Congress had been pressing for. This was interpreted as kowtowing to China, which views the island as a renegade province and opposes U.S. arms sales. Later, the administration was read as intervening in Taiwanese domestic politics when an unnamed official signaled that electing Taiwan's opposition party could raise tensions with China.

These criticisms may seem far too partisan. Every president seeks to balance U.S. interests under severe constraints. Previous administrations have faced questions about their commitment to Taiwan, and the Obama administration has at least approved some arms sales to Taiwan while trying not to incur the wrath of Beijing. Besides, the comments of one U.S. official do not represent U.S. policy, and several senior administration officials had made assurances that Washington would remain neutral with regard to Taiwan's upcoming elections.

Nonetheless, every administration, including this one, must remember that on Taiwan, as with many other foreign policy issues, perceptions matter as much as, if not more than realities. This means keeping three things in mind:

First, treating Taiwan purely as an issue to manage and an appendage of U.S.-China relations understates the independent importance of Taiwan to U.S. ideals. Taiwan is, among other things, the United States' ninth-largest trading partner, a model democratic nation in Asia, a key shipping hub and home to some of the world's most vibrant companies. The loss of Taiwan to China would also undermine U.S. interests, since Chinese control of Taiwan and the Taiwan Strait would enhance Chinese naval superiority. And, while arms sales often anger China, its actual response has been limited merely to harsh words and a temporary suspension of some joint military activities. In other words, the United States has a stake in the future of its ally and should support it for its own sake.

Second, the U.S. commitment is not just an act of debating about legislative wording or doling out periodical assistance, but a fundamental commitment to the people of Taiwan. Even as positive developments continue between Beijing and Taipei, China's military buildup is continuing and the People's Liberation Army's assets are still directed toward Taiwan. In this environment, arms sales are designed both to help Taiwan defend itself as the cross-strait military balance tips in Beijing's favor and to give Taiwan confidence in negotiations with the mainland. Since China's intentions remain uncertain, Taipei must have to both negotiate from a position of strength and have the tools to defend itself if needed.

Third, how an administration deals with Taiwan is seen as a general marker for how the United States deals with China and treats its allies. Early on, when this administration attempted to placate China by being more "sensitive" to Chinese reservations on issues like Taiwan, it failed to gain concessions and eventually switched to a tougher stance in the face of China's more aggressive territorial claims which spooked Washington's allies and friends. It is clear that China has strategic interests irrespective of what the U.S. position is on Taiwan, and that Beijing intends on pursuing them. While U.S.-China cooperation may be desirable, the United States should not be naive about its potential and should pursue its interests and stay true to its allies. In a world where the future of China's rise remains uncertain, doubt surrounding Washington's commitment could make the world a much more unstable and militarized place.

Taiwan is important enough to be made an independent priority in American foreign policy. U.S. administrations would do well to ensure that this is reflected both in perception and reality.

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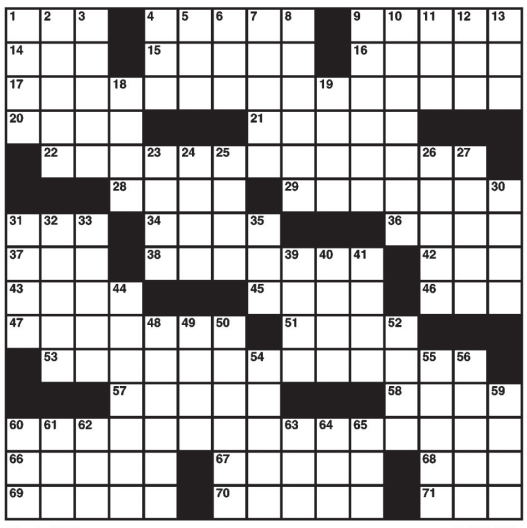

By Jeff Chen 9/19/11

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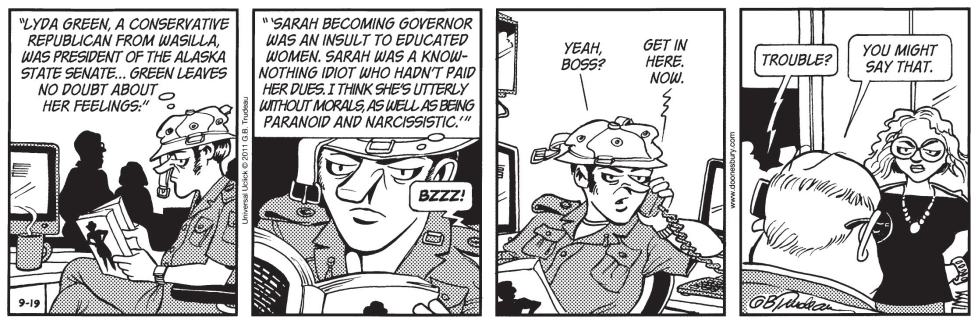

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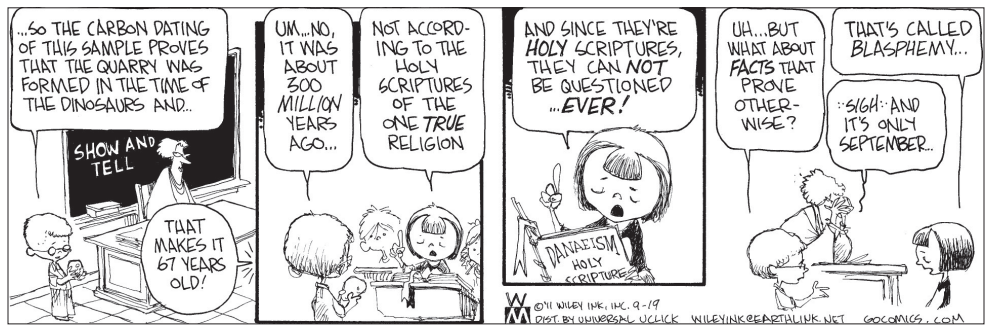

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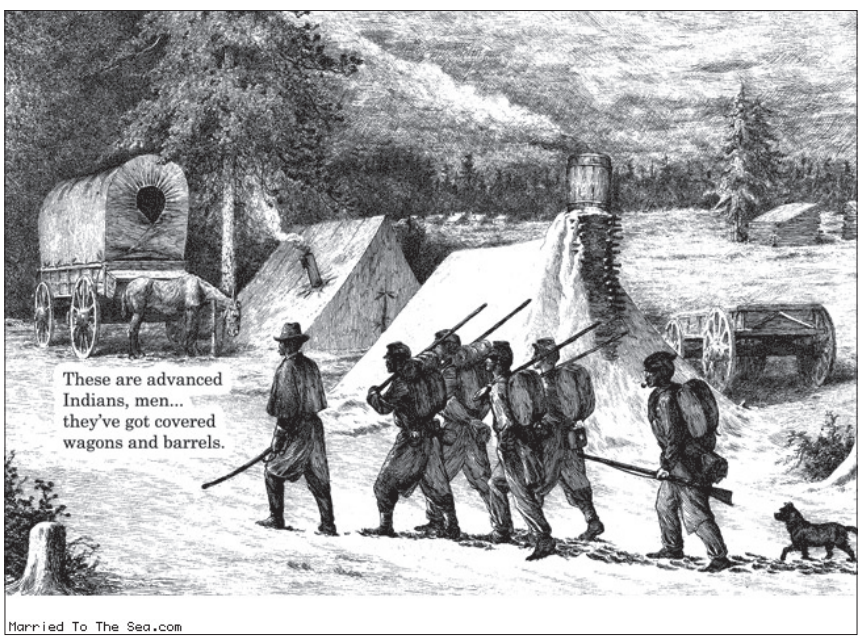

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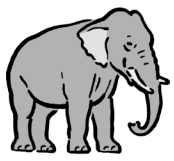

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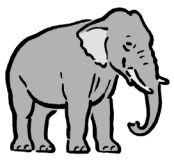

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FIELD HOCKEY

No. 8 Tufts dismisses Wesleyan in a game of 'firsts'

Jumbos earn first NESCAC win 2-0

BY CLAIRE KEMP
Daily Editorial Board

The No. 8 field hockey team seems to have hit its stride. With its first NESCAC win under its belt after Saturday's 2-0 victory over Wesleyan, the Jumbos seem to have put any early season uncertainties behind them and found their formula for success in 2011.

"Our word of the day [Saturday] was 'first,'" senior co-captain midfielder Lindsay Griffith said. "We focused on first touch, being first to the ball, first to score. Getting our first NESCAC win was the sum of all those little efforts. It's a great accomplishment to come away with."

Beside focusing on being "first," each game the Jumbos aim to score in the first five minutes, and for the second time in the past week, they succeeded. At just 32:59 of the first half, Wesleyan's junior goalie Tori Redding covered the ball on the goal line and the referee signaled for a Tufts penalty stroke. Senior co-captain defender Taylor Dyer stepped to the line and beat Redding on the left side of the cage for the early 1-0 lead. The point not only established Tufts as the dominant team on the day, but also seemed to lift any traces of disappointment left over from last week's penalty stroke loss to Middlebury.

Arguably even more encouraging was how the second point was notched. Just five minutes later, Tufts earned a corner and set up with dominant numbers over the Cardinals. Redding was able to reach the initial shot, but junior inserter Kelsey Perkins collected the rebound and slammed it home for the 2-0 lead at 28:04, a margin that would hold up for the rest of the game.

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Junior midfielder Rachel Gerhardt had two of the Jumbos' 27 shots.

"It's great that we scored early," junior midfielder Rachel Gerhardt said. "Now our focus is to just improve on that and work on putting more goals in throughout the entire 70 minutes, so when it comes down to those last two minutes, we have no doubt in our minds how the game is going to end."

Though the outcome never seemed in any serious doubt, Gerhardt speaks to the potential danger of letting a team back into a game late. Tufts held the lopsided advantage in shots, 27-8, and corners, 17-3, but the Cardinals adapted quickly in the second half, forcing senior goalkeeper Marianna Zak to make two saves. The Cardinals' defense in the second half also looked more like the unit that held defending national champion Bowdoin scoreless for 68 minutes a week earlier after being fairly porous in the first.

"Going into the second half with a 2-0 lead is always difficult," Griffith said. "Wesleyan was very much still in the game and they came out playing like it. Their energy was higher than ours and we got caught on our heels at first. It's definitely something we as a team need to work on. We want to win the game but we also want to win each half."

Overall, Tufts was the better team on Saturday and it showed. Though Tufts has bested Wesleyan in all of the teams' eight meetings since 2006, the Jumbos have made their statement to the NESCAC this season and look primed for another run at the conference crown.

"The NESCAC is one of the toughest conferences in the nation and we're proud to be a part of it," Griffith said. "We're taking it one game at a time and just focusing on improving our game every time we step on the field. No matter who our opponent is, our goal is to play Tufts field hockey and the rest will hopefully fall into place."

Though the team will not be back in conference action until next Saturday, it will host UMass Dartmouth on Wednesday with a chance to notch another valuable win. The Corsairs have never beaten the Jumbos in the four-year history of the matchup, but they play a fast, scrappy game that conflicts with Tufts' style. The game — which marks the team's last home contest until Oct. 2 — should provide good variety for the defense in preparation for a three-game stretch away from Bello Field.

"Our biggest goal [for Wednesday] is to play even better than we did on Saturday," Gerhardt said. "We want to build on our cohesiveness as a team and put more goals in, obviously, especially capitalizing on corners. We are just warming up with our team meshing together and it is exciting to think about where we can get if we continue to focus on our skills as a team."

Women dominate Wesleyan

WOMEN'S SOCCER

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the box that O'Connor, looking to double her tally, tapped just wide of the net. The duo, with help from Okamoto and senior Laney Siegner, peppered the net the rest of the way.

"I think our ability to keep up the intensity the whole game is really just the quality of our bench," said Von Puttkammer, who now has three assists in as many games. "We are so deep that anyone can come off the bench and come in and it doesn't change the level of play. That can help in any game where you're not relying on three or four people, and then your team wears down. We have 25 incredibly strong players."

With roughly 15 minutes remaining, Wesleyan junior midfielder Laura Kurash broke through the Jumbos' ranks, providing the visiting team with its best opportunity to equalize. But a scrambling Wright quickly nullified the attack. A hip check in the box drew calls for a penalty kick in the final minutes from the Wesleyan faithful in the final minutes, but the protests fell on deaf ears.

From there, the Jumbos controlled the ball and let the final minutes tick away, sealing their 1-0 victory.

"You can never be content with a 1-0 score," O'Connor said. "You can never be comfortable with that. We're always looking for that second goal because it doesn't matter if you're dominating the whole game; at that point all it takes is one drive and one shot until it's a tie game. We never let down after we score a goal, and we knew we were going to go hard until the last minute."

Tufts will look to extend its three-game unbeaten streak in a pair of matches this week. They will host Wheaton on Wednesday before traveling to Colby on Saturday for their first away contest.

"Going into the next game with two wins under our belt, I think we definitely saw what we were capable of yesterday," O'Connor said. "We played the best we have thus far this season and I think we're all just trying to keep the winning streak alive now."

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Senior co-captain Lauren O'Connor's goal was the lone tally in the game, and the first of her career.

MEN'S SOCCER

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Though the Jumbos were shut-out, freshman Gus Santos flashed impressive potential on the attack.

Wesleyan edges Tufts 1-0

Upset-minded Cardinals score late to upend Jumbos

BY MATT BERGER
Daily Editorial Board

Until Saturday, everything seemed to be going right for the men's soccer team.

Tufts forced a 1-1 tie against No. 18 Middlebury in its opening match and pummeled Plymouth St. 3-0 in its first road and non-conference test. Riding this wave of momentum and sporting a 1-0-1 record, the Jumbos expected to continue their winning ways in Saturday's home match against Wesleyan, a team that Tufts handled in an earlier preseason scrimmage.

"No matter who you're playing, you always go into a match thinking that you're going to win," senior tri-captain goalkeeper Alan Bernstein said. "I think we were feeling pretty confident considering how well we had been playing."

The Cardinals escaped Kraft Field with a 1-0 win on a late goal by junior midfielder Rory O'Neill, due to the Jumbos' inability to generate scoring chances and control the ball in their attacking third. With the loss, Tufts fell to 1-1-1 overall and 0-1-1 in the NESCAC, while Wesleyan remained undefeated with a 2-0-1 overall record and a 2-0-0 mark in the conference.

The match's lone goal came off of a corner kick by Wesleyan freshman midfielder Dan Issroff in the 72nd minute. After passing through more than one Tufts defender, the ball fell to O'Neill, positioned six yards in front of the goal.

"It looked like they were going to kick it short, so I went out to stop it," Tufts junior midfielder Rafa Ramos-Meyer said. "They kicked it long around me, and we couldn't clear. When [O'Neill] got the ball, he was able to turn and finish under real pressure."

Neither team looked likely to score in the first half as midfield play dominated. Tufts put the only shot on goal of the half and Wesleyan was 6-2 overall, but the Jumbos never really challenged Cardinals' junior goalkeeper Adam Purdy, who recorded his second straight shutout. Credited with three saves against the Jumbos, Purdy's best work came in the 50th minute when the netminder punched away freshman midfielder Gus Santos's attempt on goal.

Throughout the match, coach Josh Shapiro frequently went to his bench, hoping to find a combination of players that could generate more offensive chances. This was most evident at the forward position, where Shapiro started sophomore Jono Edelman — who scored against Middlebury — but replaced him with freshman Maxime Hoppenet and then junior Franco Silva, who netted two goals against Plymouth State.

Tufts' trio of forwards, however, did not seem to bother Wesleyan's stout defensive front, led by senior center back Harrison Lewin, a co-captain. The forwards did not generate a single shot on goal and had trouble getting involved in the match.

"I don't think we were able to move and support each other as well as we have been in practice," Ramos-Meyer said. "I think it was also a matter of not being decisive and cut-throat in the final third."

Scrambling to score an equalizing goal with just two minutes left in the match, Tufts generated a corner kick off of a good run on the left wing from Santos. The Jumbos, however, were unable to capitalize on their final opportunity to score, as the ball was cleared effectively yet again by Wesleyan. With the threat neutralized, the Cardinals held onto the ball and ran out the clock to finish off the Jumbos.

Tufts returns to action this Saturday against Colby for its first NESCAC road match of the season.

"I think we're going to have to look to recharge this week in practice," Bernstein said. "The effort was very high, but we still have to concentrate on it a little better and bring a little bit more attention to what we're doing."

At 5-0, Jumbos look to build up record against Brandeis

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Williams definitely picked it up in the fourth set," Spieler said. "They're one of our biggest rivals, but because we kept up our consistency and our energy, we were able to pull it out in the fourth, which was so, so close the whole time."

The Friday afternoon victory against Hamilton, though, came far more easily. The Jumbos swept aside the Colonials in straight sets, and even though the third set was 25-23, the victory never really seemed in doubt, as Tufts controlled play against a Hamilton team that entered the game 7-2 on the year.

"I think we played really well, especially considering it was our first NESCAC game," said senior tri-captain Audrey Kuan, who is also the Executive Online Editor of the Daily. "We really have worked on our mistakes, and we're only going to improve as the season goes on."

The stat line looked remarkably similar to the Williams game: Lord posted 33 assists and 13 digs, while Kuan had three assists and 16 digs. Kuhel, Hopper and Brennan made their usual contributions, totaling 19 kills, 10 digs and two blocks between them, while Spieler was again an imposing offensive presence with seven kills.

"Everyone is playing with no hesitations, and the freshmen are playing as a part of the team," Kuan said. "We've got so many ways we can play and so many options off the bench."

The Jumbos will now look to build on their impressive start to the season with games against Brandeis on Tuesday and a spot in the MIT invitational next weekend. Their next conference game, though, does not come until Sept. 30 at Bowdoin, so the team will have to work hard to maintain their focus over the coming weeks.

"The more we play together, the better we're going to be," Spieler said. "We just have such amazing chemistry off the court, and that translates to playing better on the court. We're so excited to play our first home game and keep playing our best."

ZACH DRUCKER | THE LOSER

Destined to fail

Here's a little Zach Drucker history lesson for you: I was born on July 11, 1990, the first child and only son of Mara and Jon. As the first-born son, I was granted passage into the world of sports fandom by my father, starting with a rattling Jets football, a beaten-up Knicks cap and a Mets teddy bear cluttering my crib. My manhood was judged, not on how I performed in youth basketball leagues, USTA tennis tournaments or travel baseball games — after all, I'm an awkward, white, Jewish kid from New York suburbia, who never quite lived up to his "professional athlete" hype — but in how much I knew about Patrick Ewing's wingspan and Mike Piazza's stat line from the previous night. My dad weaned me on the Knicks, Mets and Jets, and my mom simply made sure I distinguished between being a fan and a fanatic.

For the record, a "fan" goes to his second-cousin's birthday party, tracking the score of the big game on a smartphone throughout the night. A "fanatic" attends his best friend's bar mitzvah with a portable television bought specifically for the occasion. OK, so my dad and I have flirted with fanaticism a couple of times. The remainder of my columns for the semester will document my woes as a diehard fan for hard-dying teams, and — like that cacaphonous Everclear song, "Father of Mine" (1997) — will double as an indirect cheap shot at my father for raising me this way.

Needless to say, it's not the easiest thing ever to be a college student in Boston while cheering on the Mets, Jets and Knicks. It seems like every year, the smug fans in Boston get another title to celebrate, another championship parade to attend and another false sense of personal accomplishment. (Note to Bostonians: the Red Sox will never win 27 World Series, the Big Three is washed up, Tom Brady has stupid hair and the Bruins play hockey, so they don't matter.)

Though I despise the Pats and the Celtics for their respective rivalries with the Jets and Knicks, I do support the Red Sox and the Bruins. Yet, watching any secondary team succeed can never compare to watching your primary team succeed — though I wouldn't actually know about that. I could never feel the emotional pull of a Red Sox-Yankees series equal to that of a Mets-Phillies series, just like I could never love my adopted sister as much as my real sister. The only satisfaction I get is hanging around my friends who root for teams like the Oakland Raiders, the Portland Trailblazers or the Baltimore fill-in-the-blanks.

When I make eye contact with other hapless fans, there's a sort of innate, mutual understanding: We both recognize the troubles in life, but we take some slight solace in knowing that there is someone else out there who shares the burden of our hardship. (I in no way mean to hyperbolize the sorrow of fans sans championships because it's not as bad as, say, getting your car stolen. But it's pretty close.)

Before I go any further, let me say this: My mother frequently asks me to dump my allegiances and follow a different, more successful team. To my mom and others who echo this sentiment, I say, "You just don't get it, do you?" I don't go around telling you to stop watching "Glee" just because the cast did a racy GQ photo shoot. You can't drop a team after 21 years for the same reason an ugly person wouldn't cut off his own head: It's a part of who you are and you just have to live with it, for better or worse. And, in my case, it's been for worse.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Jumbos tough on Cardinals in 'Fan the Fire' showcase

BY KATE KLOTS
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In a game that the women's soccer team controlled for nearly the full 90 minutes, senior co-captain Lauren O'Connor lifted the Jumbos up-and-over the visiting Wesleyan Cardinals with a goal early in the second half, giving Tufts its first outright NESCAC victory and lifting the team to a 2-0-1 overall record.

The Jumbos, fresh off a 2-0 defeat of Keene State at home on Wednesday, fed off a large crowd and their early season momentum to dominate possession and create scoring chances throughout Saturday afternoon's contest.

In the opening minutes of play, freshman Alina Okamoto nearly gave the Jumbos an early lead by getting on the end of a long pass. Following a shot just over the crossbar from O'Connor, and further efforts by sophomore right back Blair Brady, senior forward Jamie Love-Nichols ripped a shot at Wesleyan freshman goalkeeper Jessica Tollman, who managed to just barely keep a handle on the ball.

For most of the first half, the ball stayed in Wesleyan's end of the field, as the Jumbos launched a full-throttle shooting assault on the visiting team. Sophomore forward Maeve Stewart, returning from injury, helped keep the pressure on, using her speed to launch four shots at Tollman over the course of the game.

Barring an occasional defensive lapse by the Jumbos, the Cardinals struggled to penetrate their strong midfield and defensive units, which held strong despite their youth and gathered themselves quickly after momentary Cardinals breakthroughs. Sophomore midfielder Kerry Doyle launched a promising shot on Wright, but the Jumbos' backs aggressively deflected the ball, sending it back down the field.

"In both halves we put a lot of pressure on them offensively," junior midfielder Alyssa Von Puttkammer said. "It wasn't frustrating, but more just eye-opening that we were creating so many chances but we weren't putting them away."

Although play was relatively one-sided, the nil-nil score line held through to the half time whistle. Over the course of the first half, the Jumbos took 14 shots on Tollman compared to the two that Tufts sophomore goalkeeper Kristin Wright saw at her end of the field. Yet only six of the Jumbos' shots were on target, while the Cardinals made Wright work on both of theirs.

"[In the first half] I don't think it had much to do with the goalie; I actually don't think we tested her much despite the number of shots," O'Connor said. "We had everything but the final touch, that final bit of composure on the ball before the shot. Other than that we completely dominated the game."

Tufts did not slow down in the second half. Emerging from the intermission determined to make the scoreboard more accurately match what had occurred on the pitch, the Jumbos pressured the ball, and Okamoto and Love-Nichols immediately delivered opportunities into the Wesleyan box.

"Not really putting away the shots [in the first half] was just firing us all up to come out in the second half," Von Puttkammer said.

Finally, the pressure paid off in the 52nd minute. Von Puttkammer played in a free kick and, with Tollman caught diving the wrong way, O'Connor carefully controlled before launching the ball into the back of the net for the 1-0 lead.

"Coming into the second half we were completely in control of the game; we just needed to get it done," said O'Connor, who scored her first goal ever as a Jumbo. "We put together another strong drive right in the beginning of that half and we were just looking to finish it because we knew we were the better team."

After the goal, Von Puttkammer continued to threaten, launching a corner into

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FAN THE FIRE

'Fan the Fire' a win-win for team, fans

As the women's soccer team earned a well-deserved 1-0 victory over Wesleyan on Saturday, they had the support of an exceptionally large crowd as a result of the inaugural Fan the Fire event, which proved to be an unquestionable success.

The day started out slowly, and the stands were not even half-full at the beginning of the game. As the early afternoon wore on, the crowd continued to grow, eventually reaching an estimated 800 people according to Paul Sweeney, Tufts' sports information director.

The Jumbos' spectators were particularly active right after the halftime break, with the men's swimming team leading the fans in a series of chants. Women's soccer senior co-captain midfielder Lauren O'Connor was quick to mention the role the crowd played.

"It's not all too often that we get a crowd like this," she said. "We definitely fed off of it and our energy was high right from the very beginning, which helped us carry it through."

Fans were more than rewarded for their attendance, with free pretzels, popcorn, hot dogs, drinks and make-your-own caramel apples — all available for free. But the biggest prize came at halftime, when a 30-yard goal into a net guarded by Jumbo himself was worth two midfield tickets to the Patriots' game against the Dolphins on Dec. 24.

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Fans who supported the women's soccer team were treated to caramel apples.

In its inaugural edition, Fan the Fire was considered a great success by all in attendance. Those in charge hope that this will spur even more success in future events.

"It was exactly what we were hoping for; to get a lot of people out not only to support out teams but to do it together," Tufts' Director of Athletics Bill Gehling, said. "There was a lot of spirit here, and it is hopefully something we can build on."

—by Ethan Sturm

VOLLEYBALL

Tufts sweeps first NESCAC weekend of year

Wins against Hamilton and Williams put Jumbos atop conference

BY DAVID MCINTYRE
Daily Editorial Board

The volleyball team continued its strong start to the season this weekend with convincing victories over NESCAC opponents Williams and Hamilton at Connecticut College, boosting its overall record to 5-0 and lifting the squad into a tie for first place in the conference standings.

Even more impressive was the dominant nature of the wins, as Tufts has now dropped just two sets on the entire season, tied for best in the NESCAC.

The wins came using the same formula that has served the Jumbos all season: a potent mix of tall, aggressive, young outside hitters with tenacious, consistent defense and passing from the more experienced members of the team.

At no time was that successful combination more apparent than in the Jumbos' Saturday afternoon win against Williams. Junior setter Kendall Lord had a terrific all-around game, posting 41 assists, seven service aces and 15 digs.

As of the last NESCAC stats release, Lord leads the conference in assists per game with 11.20, a key factor in the success of Tufts' outside hitters, including senior tri-captain Cara Spieler, who finished with a game-high of 15 kills against the Ephs.

DAILY FILE PHOTO
Senior tri-captain Cara Spieler had seven digs and 15 kills in the victory over Williams.

Tufts also received a boost from its first-years, as Kelly Brennan, Isabel Kuhel and Hayley Hopper all made solid contributions to the emphatic victory. Brennan finished with 10 kills and nine digs, while Kuhel stymied the Ephs' offense at the net with two solo blocks and three block assists. Hopper may have been the clutch contributor, coming up with a key block assist in the fourth set to go with her four kills.

"All the freshmen are holding their own really well, which is not an easy thing at the collegiate level," Spieler said. "We know that they are going to come in and play their best, and that's a big part of our consistency."

Even with those strong individual performances, the team was still forced to pull out the victory in the fourth set, taking the final frame 28-26 after Williams had won a hard-fought third set 26-24.

To the Jumbos, showing resiliency in key moments is as important as posting big numbers.

"We started off so well, but

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