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Diplomat suggests Darfur options

BY BENNETT KUHN
Daily Editorial Board

United Nations Diplomat Jack Christofides delivered the Charles Francis Adams Lecture yesterday in Cabot 206.

The talk, which was given to a small audience comprised mostly of graduate students, was titled "Making and Keeping Peace in Darfur: A Personal Journey."

Specifically, Christofides focused on why past peace efforts have not worked and gave suggestions for the future of a region torn by conflicts between the Janjaweed, an Arab militia group, and other ethnic groups including the Fur, Zaghawa and Massaleit.

Estimates on exact numbers vary, but a Washington Post article published several months ago put the numbers at 450,000 deaths and 2.5 million displaced persons.

Having been a member of the U.N. team at the Darfur peace talks in Abuja, Nigeria last May, where the Sudanese government and the Sudan Liberation Movement signed the Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA), the diplomat had much to say about exactly what failed in the aftermath of the negotiations.

"You had misplaced priorities immediately after the agreement — you had a failure to make any part of the security arrangements of the agreement stick," Christofides said. Specifically, he said that the African Union (AU) was not concerned enough with enforcing the agreements.

The DPA called for the government to "complete verifiable disarmament and demobilization of the Janjaweed militia by mid-October 2006," according to the Department of State's Web site, something that has not been accomplished.

To rectify the current situation, Christofides called for an "integrated approach," which would combine military, political and humanitarian aid strategies while simultaneously resurrecting the country's social and physical infrastructure.

LAURA SCHULTZ/TUFTS DAILY

U.N. diplomat Jack Christofides talked about Darfur yesterday in Cabot.

"We have to help reconstruct this shattered Darfur, because to get the people back they're going to have to have their livestock, their jobs, their infrastructure. And that's where we can help," Christofides said.

He said the situation is so grave that the services offered in refugee camps are an improvement for many people displaced from troubled regions. "The shocking thing is that the people in the camps are enjoying

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Police Department overhauls parking rules on Tufts campus

BY LILLY RIBER
Daily Editorial Board

Thanks to parking policy changes discussed this month, students will now have greater leeway parking their cars on campus late at night, but the class of 2011 may enjoy fewer parking privileges.

According to an official announcement last week, roadside parking is extended from 1 a.m. to 3 a.m. to accommodate students studying late at night at Tisch.

The areas affected will be Professors Row from Packard Ave. to College Ave; Latin Way from Professors Row to Talbot Ave; and Talbot Ave. from Packard Ave. to College Ave.

Additionally, students are now allowed to park on weekdays from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. and on all weekends and holidays in lots previously restricted to faculty and staff. Although not always expressly forbidden from parking in these spots in the past, guidelines were previously unclear.

According to Tufts Community Union President Mitch Robinson, student complaints motivated the Senate to meet with TUPD to reach this new agreement.

"A bunch of students had come up to a number of Senate members and expressed that they are at late-night study till 3 [a.m.] and just want to park their cars on campus," he said. "And there's not that many staff members parked on campus at 3 in the morning."

TUPD Captain Mark Keith stressed that these privileges are restricted to those with valid parking decals or passes.

The exception is that during snowstorms, "emergency regulations take precedence," according to Keith. In that case, "there is no parking in roadways or lots to allow facilities to clear them," he said.

Another exception is that when Tisch is open later, parking restrictions will be changed to reflect the later hours.

According to Robinson, many of these new regulations contrast with older, less clearly stated guidelines about parking on campus. "It was a precedent before — unsaid and not very clear. Now it's clear, it's definite," he said.

Though another parking amendment is presently on the table for consideration, it will not affect Tufts' current student body.

Next year's freshman class of 2011 may not be permitted to bring cars to school until their junior year. Currently, students are allowed to bring cars starting their sophomore year.

The Cousens Gym lot, where sophomores may now park their cars, may be needed for employees working in the Lorin Low Dame School, the renovated elementary school that will house some Tufts offices this upcoming fall.

"With the Dame School being opened next September, Public Safety will be able to gauge the level of demand with the new patterns of parking," Dean of Student Affairs Bruce Reitman said. "Then they will be able to make that call."

The Dame School, located on George Street behind the Elliott-Pearson building, lacks the space for an accompanying parking lot, Reitman said.

The changes, however, are not written in stone. "It all depends on supply and demand," Reitman said. "If there are excess spaces, they will go to that class."

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Administration hopes Stratton will bring seniors back onto Walnut Hill

BY KAT SCHMIDT
Daily Editorial Board

The best-laid plans of mice, men and the Office of Residential Life and Learning (ORLL) often go awry.

Although the construction of the dorm was meant to increase the percentage of seniors living on-campus in the 2006-07 academic year, the figure plummeted to 25 percent (from 70 percent the previous year).

But administrators are hoping that a better Stratton Hall will help reverse the trend.

Dean of Student Affairs Bruce Reitman said that Stratton is the lynchpin of a hypothetical "senior corridor" along Talbot Avenue that would be a nucleus of senior campus life, with Sophia Gordon on one side and Hotung soon-to-open pub on another.

According to the current plan, all of Stratton's existing double-occupancy rooms will be converted to singles and dispersed as such in this year's housing lottery, according to Yolanda King, Director of Residential Life.

"All the rooms that we offer in the lottery for Stratton will be ... singles that will be available to upperclass students," she told the Daily in an e-mail.

The dorm, which now fits around 90 students, will lose about 20 beds. According to Reitman, this move will leave "palatial" rooms that will hopefully be attractive to seniors.

The plan began in the Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate with a resolution co-authored by senior and TCU President Mitch Robinson.

"The Senate sat down with Dean Reitman and Yolanda [King], and we were talking about how we could make the options on campus more attractive to student body and upperclassmen," Robinson said. "We wanted to put something together that would make housing on campus more attractive."

Feedback from students, in turn, pointed towards renovating the building. "One of things students want is singles, and larger singles," he said. "The Senate felt very strongly that it's important that we figure out ways in which we can make on-campus housing as attractive as possible."

The administration then worked with Facilities over the winter to decide what physical adjustments are necessary.

Aside from the room conversions, the worn-down first-floor kitchen will also be replaced with a new kitchen in the basement, anchoring a fresh new common space.

But will the seniors buy into it?

"I think a Stratton/Sophia corridor would be fantastic," senior Matt Raifman told the Daily in an e-mail. "I would in fact much prefer living with most of the seniors on campus in that area. Especially once the Hotung [pub] opens, I think that section of campus will be much more desirable to seniors."

Raifman lived in Stratton last semester and has since moved out, citing a lack of amenities and a comfortable common space. Now, he's settled in at Tufts apartment-style housing at 10 Winthrop St.

He said that basic improvements could go a long way, and have been long in coming. "It is important to remember that most seniors see on-campus living as a sacrifice of comfort," he said. "This sacrifice must be minimized if possible. I think these

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Veterans for Peace occupies Markey's office in protest

BY ROB SILVERBLATT
Daily Editorial Board

On Friday, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a symbolic resolution opposing President George W. Bush's planned troop surge in Iraq.

For many House Democrats, the follow-up measure of choice will be an attempt to block the supplemental $93 billion that Bush has requested for the Department of Defense.

Since then, the ripple effect of this decision has made its way to Medford, where yesterday a group of protesters from Veterans for Peace occupied the Medford office of Representative Ed Markey (D-Mass.) in an attempt to pressure him to vote against the supplemental spending.

"The best and the only way to stop the war is to stop the funding," said protester and Vietnam-era veteran Nate Goldshlag of Arlington, Mass.

From 9 a.m. until the end of the day, the group — which was made up of about 20 people at its peak and later dipped to as low as a handful — sat in the waiting room of Markey's office.

Although they did not engage in many formal activities, they read the names of the U.S. soldiers who died during the war and rang a bell once for each of the over 3,000 people.

Goldshlag said that the group will return as many times as it takes to get Markey to sign a pledge to vote against the spending and to work to convince his colleagues to do the same.

Markey, who has supported ending the war, has not decided if he will sign the petition, saying that his vote will depend on the specifics of the spending bill. "If the supplemental budget request is just another blank check to continue the war in Iraq, I will vote against it," he said in a press release.

The members of Veterans for Peace are pressing for more decisiveness from Markey and will repeat their requests in a meeting with him today. "He's a pretty progressive voice, but we want him to take leadership in this, in stopping this funding, in saying that there is no way to stop the war except to stop the funding," Goldshlag said. "You cannot be against the war and vote [for] funds for the war."

But for Markey and many on the

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WORLD IN BRIEF

COLOMBIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER STEPS DOWN

Colombian Foreign Minister Maria Consuelo Araujo Castro resigned Monday, just days after authorities arrested her brother for alleged ties to illegal right-wing paramilitary forces and announced they also would investigate her father and cousin for similar activities.

Opposition forces had been calling for Araujo Castro's resignation for weeks as the probe into the paramilitaries' ties to politicians broadened and reached her family. Authorities have jailed eight pro-Uribe congress members since December as part of the probe. Dozens more are facing questions by investigators.

Although Uribe has not been personally linked to the scandal, the arrests of his supporters have fueled Colombia's biggest political scandal in a decade. Araujo Castro's resignation left Uribe's foreign policy team in tatters at a time when Colombia is seeking to persuade the U.S. Congress to approve a bilateral free trade pact and provide some $600 million in aid next fiscal year to combat drug trafficking and leftist guerrillas.

Araujo has not been charged with any crimes, but critics said her presence in Uribe's Cabinet was hurting the international image of Colombia and would put off U.S. Democratic congressmen who have raised questions about Colombia's human rights record.

RARE WOODEN STATUE FOUND IN ANCIENT EGYPTIAN TOMB

A joint Egyptian-Australian archeological team carrying out excavations near Egypt's ancient capital, Memphis, have found a rare wooden statue dating back more than 4,000 years.

The statue, representing a scribe and his wife, is the first known Dynastic Period example of double wooden sculpture to have survived, with all previous such finds carved in limestone, Zahi Hawass, head of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities said.

The unique artifact has been uncovered in the Saqqara necropolis, in the tomb of the scribe Ka-Hay, who lived between the late Fifth Dynasty Period (2508-2350 B.C.) and the beginning of the Sixth (2350-2200 B.C.), Hawass said.

Four other wooden statues of lesser importance have also been found in Ka-Hay's tomb, as well as two tables for offerings and a blind door to allow the spirit of the deceased to come and go. All the artifacts are reported to be in good condition.

HUNT FOR AL-QAEDA OVERSHADOWS REPRESSION IN ETHIOPIA, SOME FEAR

Journalists in Ethiopia don't criticize the government much anymore, perhaps because doing so has landed at least 15 of them in prison on treason charges.

Since a bloody crackdown after elections in 2005, Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi also has tried dozens of opposition leaders on treason charges, blocked anti-government Web sites and attempted to muzzle an independent inquiry into the post-election violence, which found that government security forces had killed 193 civilians.

While Meles' actions have earned rebukes from international rights groups and some former friends in Europe, U.S. officials are more circumspect. Meles has a powerful ally in the United States, which is drawing on Ethiopian troops and intelligence in a shadowy hunt for al-Qaeda operatives in neighboring Somalia.

Weeks ago, with tacit American support, Ethiopian forces attacked Somalia's ruling Islamist militias, which State Department officials said had links to al-Qaeda. Aklu Girgre, a leader of the chief opposition party, the Coalition for Unity and Democracy, said the war in Somalia has "enhanced" the Ethiopian government's position with the United States. "The government knows its position on terrorism has huge, huge American support," he said.

—compiled from McClatchy Newspapers

Christofides says Sudanese government needs to be active

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record levels of social services. There are more kids that are going to school in the camps than ever before."

Christofides also conveyed strong opinions about the international community's response to Darfur's plight.

"I think my biggest criticism is of the great powers on the [U.N. Security] Council — the United States and the United Kingdom, which I really do think could have done a lot more, not just back in 2003, but right now," he said.

One major mishap, he said, occurred last June, when the U.N. Security Council failed to serve Sudanese President Omar Hasan Ahmad al-Bashir with a strong resolution favoring a U.N. peacekeeping operation. Christofides faults the United States and Britain for this failure.

"If they were able to demonstrate to the leadership that they could hold the council together, we would've had the declaration, but the council made no such request of Bashir — at least in a way that worried him at all," he said.

Christofides also addressed how to best force the Sudanese government to enact its commitment to controlling the Janjaweed, something he said that it failed to do in the long run after the DPA.

The Sudanese government, he said, does have the ability to control the Janjaweed. He said that this was evident because immediately after the DPA, they made an effort and violence fell.

"We've actually tracked security incidents with the help of the African Union. In the immediate aftermath of the DPA, the government did want the Janjaweed quiet," he said.

This period of inactivity ended last July, however. The government in the capital city of Khartoum is not even willing to accept a definition of who is part of the Janjaweed, according to Christofides. "They would say to people like myself, 'You don't know what the Janjaweed is ... We don't understand it. How can you understand it?'"

In order to bring about peace, he said that the government must engage itself in stopping the violence.

"Make no doubt about it — it doesn't matter what you call them, but there is a group of individuals that has committed war crimes, crimes against humanity and possibly even crimes of genocide," he said.

Different considerations shape seniors' views of Stratton

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facility problems are the real obstacle to retaining a senior presence on campus."

But for others, the prospect of more singles is not very appealing. Junior Jen Bokoff, who applied for a Sophia Gordon suite this year with three friends but was denied, said the group planned to stay together, whether in an on-campus apartment or off-campus house.

"We're not going to split up into singles in Stratton," she said. "It's hard to exclude people from the group once you've made a commitment to other friends."

"Singles are a great option for people who never made a deal [to live] with their friends," she said. "But for the majority of the people who have friends they wanted to live with, [Stratton] wasn't a viable option."

Others are more ambivalent. Junior Jessica Ceruzzi applied for and was not granted a Sophia Gordon suite, but said she was set on an apartment-style setup and "not really considering Stratton."

"I do know of a couple people looking for singles," she said. "I guess it's appealing to some people, but most [people] I know are either living off-campus or in apartments."

For others, convenience may trump feelings about singles. Senior Rebecca Diamond said that students arranging housing from abroad might find the hassle-free structure of a Stratton room appealing. "As more and more people go abroad, they will find it more convenient to live on campus, and it might end up being just as easy if they're in a bind," she said.

Even if Stratton does prove to be popular, King said that sophomores, who have come to enjoy Stratton's large rooms in the past when demand has flagged from upperclassmen, need not worry.

Housing for freshmen and sophomores will still be guaranteed and rooms still "will be set aside" on campus for them, she told the Daily in an e-mail.

Parking on campus might end for sophomores

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He said that current parking trends indicate that hope is not lost for the class of 2011. "The popularity of cars on campus seems to be declining," he said.

Keith confirmed this observation. "This year there seems to be a lot more available parking than usual," he said. "The lower campus garage has eased some of the congestion downhill."

While the Miller and Carmichael spots designated for junior and senior resident parkers might often seem empty, Keith said this hadn't always been the case. "Historically, there has not been enough space for sophomores to park there," he said.

Prospective students visiting Tufts this week during February break were informed of this possibility, as this new information has now been included in admissions materials, according to Reitman.

As to whether parking privileges are a significant consideration for prospective students, sophomore Lisa Haubenstock, a tour guide since her freshman year, says that parking questions were fairly uncommon. "It's not the most common question, but it's definitely been asked," she said.

Haubenstock said, however, that she doubts the delay in receiving parking privileges will be a deterrent for potential applicants.

Veterans for Peace plans to return to Markey's office for 'as long as it takes'

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Tufts campus, the decision is not as clear as the members of Veterans for Peace see it to be.

"I have and will continue to direct my energies towards getting a majority vote in Congress that places meaningful conditions on the President's request which are concrete steps to [disengage] from Iraq, redeploy, and bring our troops home," Markey said in the press release.

What exactly the plan will be remains unclear, however, and is a source of disagreement among many opposed to the war.

On campus, the various groups supporting an end to the war have acknowledged this lack of consensus with last week's crystallization of the group Tufts Action for Peace (TAP).

TAP will be comprised of the Tufts Democrats, the Tufts Coalition Opposed to the War in Iraq (TCOWI), members of the peace and justice studies program and other interested faculty and students.

Although these groups have informally co-sponsored events in the past, Tufts Democrats President Kayt Norris said that the alliance had not become official until last week.

She said that the purpose of the group is to provide a forum in which all students opposed to the war, regardless of whether or not they agree on specific strategies, can participate.

"There's no set doctrine of the group," she said. "The core value that we hold in common is that we are opposed to the Iraq war and we want to find the solution to ending it, but we might vary in what we think the right solution is."

This Friday, TAP hopes to bring Representative Michael Capuano (D-Mass.) and peace activist Leslie Cagan to campus for a discussion. "The idea is to bring together an activist and a politician to kind of look at the issue from both sides," Norris said.

While the group is comprised of people with varying views, there is almost complete agreement that there should not be a troop surge.

"I think that the troop surge will be a complete disaster and only further the disastrous position that the [country] is in," graduate student and TAP member Dan DiMaggio said.

But because of the broad nature of the group, members are likely to face the same predicament as Markey.

"There's a difference between being opposed to the troop surge and thinking that cutting of funding for the surge is the appropriate way to stop the surge," Norris said.

She said there is a concern among some anti-war activists that the troops will be deployed even if there is not enough money to adequately protect them.

In either case, Norris said that the decision that legislators make will have important ramifications. "It sets a precedent in saying what role Congress has in making decisions in the Iraq war," she said.

While Congress debates these issues, the members of Veterans for Peace plan to continue to persist in their advocacy in Markey's office. They'll be there "as long as it takes," Goldshlag said.

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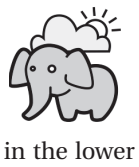

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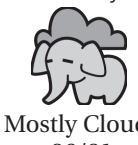	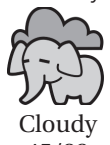	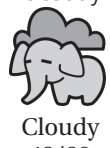
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It's the equivalent of Tufts rejecting the 18-year-old opera composer in favor of the coke-snorting drop-out just so they can say in their letter, 'Betcha didn't see that one coming, eh?'"

Devin Toohey
columnist
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Ping-pong balls and plastic cups aren't just for guys anymore

BY LUKE BURNS
Daily Editorial Board

Beirut, flip-cup, kings — all of these have traditionally been the province of male college students. But according to a new study released by researchers at Loyola Marymount University, that may no longer be the case.

The study, which found that women in college are now playing drinking games as much as their male counterparts, may represent a demographic change, since male college students were historically thought to play drinking games more — and drink more in general — than women.

The news did not come as a surprise to many women at Tufts.

"I think it's kind of funny that they did a study on that," freshman Ashley Semler said. "Guys and girls play drinking games."

Senior Julia Manoli agreed. "Most of the time I see mixed groups of men and women playing together," she said, adding that during her time at Tufts, the number of men and women playing drinking games has seemed to remain consistently equal. "Over the last few years I guess it's been pretty even."

Sophomore Emily Chapper has made similar observations. Chapper believes that personality plays a greater role than gender in determining how often a student will play drinking games.

"I'd say it depends on the people, not on the gender," Chapper said. "There are going to be guys that do it and don't, and girls that do it and don't."

Semler agreed. "I think it's more of a personal thing. Some people like playing drinking games, some people just prefer to drink and get it over with," she said.

Chapper felt that the apparent increase in women playing drinking games may be due to the fact that it has become less stigmatizing for a woman to participate in such activities. "It might be more socially acceptable now for girls to play drinking games in general," Chapper said.

Margot Abels, director of Drug and Alcohol Education Services at Tufts, agreed that modern college women are consuming more alcohol than women in college have historically, but she's not sure that it is an entirely new development. "There's definitely data that says women are drinking more than in the past," she said. "It's changed, but I think it changed a while ago."

Abels went on to explain that gender is perhaps not the most effective way to account for people's drinking habits. She used the yearly survey conducted by Tufts on student drinking habits as an example: In looking at the responses to the question about what motivates people to drink — a question that is modeled on national surveys about drinking — Abels has found that "there's not a lot of difference by gender."

According to Abels, an in-depth study conducted from a sociological perspective might provide more interesting data. "I'd like people to do more research," she said. "Not just on the hard numbers of how much people are drinking, but on the social context."

ANJALI NIRMALAN/TUFTS DAILY

More women are playing flip cup these days, in addition to many other drinking games.

Semler also found that the study did not necessarily account for differences in the ways that men and women consume alcohol. "A lot of times for guys it's a competition of how much you can drink," Semler said. "For girls it's less about quantity and more about what you're drinking and what you do after."

While it may be par for the course for women to partake in a game of kings or flip-cup, some are worried that playing drinking games could put women at greater risk. "I would be concerned that it might increase instances of sexual assault and rape," Manoli said. "Women might be drinking more without thinking about how much they're consuming."

In fact, the study found that playing drinking games led to more negative behaviors for women than men, including missing classes, drunk driving, and engaging in sexual activities without protection — problems that often result from any type of binge drinking.

Abels acknowledged that women are, generally speaking, more affected by alcohol than men, but she warned that both sexes should make decisions based on how their own bodies react. "There are other factors that go into how much alcohol your body can handle," Abels said, adding that it is up to individuals to know their own personal limits when it comes to alcohol consumption.

Abels also said that while there is not necessarily anything inherently wrong with drinking games, people should be aware of the risks associated with them. "I don't demonize drinking games ... in and of itself it's not necessarily a bad thing," Abels said. "The way it's done, experience and history tells us that it can be problematic."

Abels emphasized that there are many factors beyond gender that determine how, or if, an individual consumes alcohol. She also added that a study such as the one in question cannot encompass all the details of an individual woman or man's life: "I don't think [the study] is as complex as how people really live their lives here."

What do you think of the Facebook gift initiative?

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"It's purely another way to take time away from students who should be studying. It's just another way to waste time!"

Alan Manos
Senior

"As a business venture, it's such a good marketing strategy on the part of Facebook because it also benefits breast cancer research."

Claire Oppenheim
Freshman

MACKENZIE KIGIN/TUFTS DAILY

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"I would never buy anything on Facebook, even though it goes to charity, which is a good thing. I guess I'm pretty ambivalent."

Michael Brunnquell
Junior

"It is probably successful due to the popularity of Facebook and the fact that one dollar to buy a funny gift for a friend seems like very little, but combined with everyone else's dollars, it could really make a difference."

Meg Fitzgerald
Senior

MACKENZIE KIGIN/TUFTS DAILY

CAMPUS COMMENT

Forget flowers or candy, now you can give the gift of ... icons?

BY MACKENZIE KIGIN
Contributing Writer

Facebook.com has become an accepted part of life for the typical college student over the past few years, with pokes and friend requests joining parties as essential elements of social life. This month, though, users may have been delighted or annoyed to discover an additional innovation to the expanding amount of 'services' offered by the site.

On Feb. 8, Facebook launched its 'gift initiative' for the month in conjunction with Valentine's Day. Users can post tiny icons called "gifts" on their friends' profiles. Each icon appears both in a special gift box above the friend's wall and on the wall itself.

The gifts, 21 in all, consist of various bubbly icons in a rainbow of colors, ranging from a green-haired troll to a pink thong to a box of chocolates. They cost $1 each, and the net profits from each purchase go to raise money for the breast cancer research charity Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

How did Tufts students react to this playful yet benevolent addition to the Facebook world? Opinions varied widely.

According to senior Margaret Fitzgerald, the gift initiative was one of the most prolific 'extras' Facebook has come up with. "I think that it's a positive and innovative way to not only brighten a friend's day, but also give back to a very good cause," she said.

Freshman Claire Oppenheim had similar sentiments.

"Some people may think it's 'stupid,' but it's not a bad thing at all," she said. "Even if you choose not to participate, it's not harming you, but people who do choose to participate [and buy a gift] are helping others by giving money to charity."

Others were ambivalent. Senior Nate Paykel hadn't even realized Facebook had launched a gift venture, but agreed it "seemed like a good idea."

Michael Brunnquell, a junior, thought it was "pretty stupid at first." However, he still participated in the initiative.

"I did use my first free gift and gave it to a friend who is abroad," he said. "It was the puppy."

One senior, Erica Brody, eventually succumbed to the mentality of the gift craze, but not because it benefited breast cancer research.

"When I logged in to Facebook and saw that I could send one free gift and then fork up a dollar to send more gifts, I thought to myself, 'What a crock' ... But later, when no one had sent me a Facebook gift, it was terribly debilitating for my self-esteem. Was I not good enough for a gift? Needless to say, I'm going to hoard my free gift until someone sends me one."

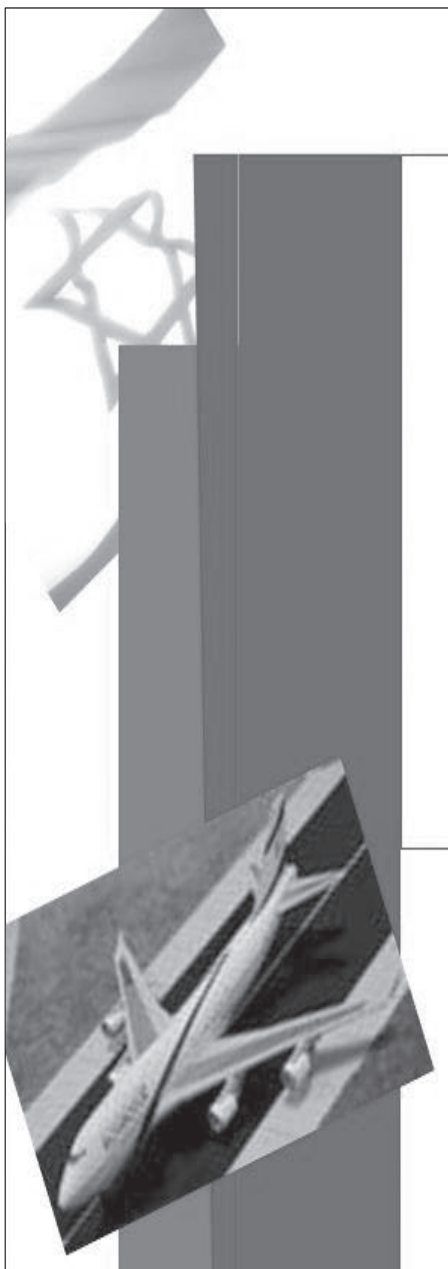
Some students, like sophomore Andy Henke, didn't think Facebook and the support of breast cancer research needed to be connected.

"I would never buy something to send someone on Facebook," he said. "But of course, just like everyone else, I used the free one. However, if I were to give money to breast cancer research, which is something I believe in because I had an aunt die of breast cancer, I would do it in another way — not through Facebook."

"You never know how reliable some of those online things are," he added.

Some students were opposed to the gift initiative as a whole. Junior Andy Fraser said he's "a little offended and a bit angry."

"I didn't even use the free gift," he said. "I'm getting sick of Facebook — it's too involved. I don't care about when people take stuff off their profile or join a group, or especially gives someone a fake gift. How old are we anyway?"



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Jumbos think the hands that feed them are a friendly group of people

BY CHARLOTTE STEINWAY
Daily Staff Writer

The Tufts campus doesn't run itself — messes aren't magically cleaned up overnight, food doesn't prepare itself in the dining halls, and the thousands of other maintenance tasks that go on each day don't happen automatically. Instead, hundreds of Tufts-employed workers take on these tasks.

Though the daily work of students and staff certainly varies greatly, Tufts students and workers say they have no trouble coexisting on campus. Aside from the occasional case of a Hodgdon-Dewick trick-turn, the return of a damaged book, or general snippiness during study hours, both workers and students say they are treated with respect.

Tufts' service staff is a hybrid of student and adult workers who fulfill a variety of maintenance and service jobs. The maintenance workers are staffed by OneSource, a national custodial supplying company whose workers come into university residence halls daily, usually arriving in the early morning to clean the shared bathrooms, common rooms and hallways.

Students say they can attest to the overall friendliness of OneSource workers.

"I always say hi to them whenever I see them, and they often smile or wave, which is nice," freshman Lauren Lanster said, noting the awkwardness that can result from living in close quarters to maintenance workers doing their early-morning routine. "I just sometimes get a little creeped out when they wave to me and I'm in my towel on the way to the bathroom."

Some students are also sympathetic to the OneSource workers' arduous job of residence hall cleanup.

"I often see them in the lounge watching our TV, which is fine, because they are on their break," freshman Mimi Taskier said. "I would definitely want to do the same if I had to clean our hall's bathrooms."

Unlike the maintenance workers, the dining hall staff is entirely supplied by the Tufts University Dining Services (TUDS) workers, consisting of both adults and students. Because of the frequency of student dining hall visits, many students interact with the employees with an air of familiarity, creating a friendly relationship between the two.

"I think the people who work at Dewick are especially friendly," sophomore Mirian Diop said. "I've never seen a student be rude to them — that would be crazy because they are always so nice."

The employees themselves tend to have a similar attitude towards the students. According to Dewick employee Ellie Stevens, students tend to treat her well.

"I think the majority of the students are very pleasant," Stevens said. "I absolutely love working here."

Many students opt to work in the dining halls and campus cafes because other students assemble there, creating a social work environment.

"I like this job a lot because I get to see lots of people that I wouldn't otherwise get to see on a daily basis," freshman TUDS worker Jonah Gold said. "The dining hall is a place where people congregate."

Freshman Leigh Cooper agreed, explaining her social connection to staff workers. "Dining hall meals are a large part of my college existence," she said. "I always look forward to Sunday brunches, not only because I get to sit and chat with all my friends, but also because I get to see my friends who work there."

"I can always tell who is working according to what music is blasting from the Dewick dishwashing room," she added.

According to the staff members, the dining halls' mix of student and adult workers creates a bridge between the two groups.

. "I definitely talk with the adult workers; it's really interesting to find out how so many people ended up working at the same place," Gold said.

VANESSA WHITE/TUFTS DAILY
A Dewick employee swipes a student's ID card at the entrance to Dewick Dining Hall.

Gold added that Tufts also employs local high school students, who sometimes, due to their age, don't mix as well with the rest of the employees.

"I don't sense so much of a dichotomy between the Tufts student workers and the adult workers as I do between the college student workers and the local high school workers," he said.

At other on-campus eateries, like Hodgdon Good-To-Go, the atmosphere is similar. There, the adult workers tend to the cash registers, swiping student ID cards and encouraging students to purchase meals which maximize their dollar allotment — often by suggesting the addition of a granola bar or two — whereas student workers tend to work at the wrap, burrito, and Chinese food stations in the evenings after classes.

"Everyone at Hodgdon is really nice, and tries to make conversation and small talk whenever you order," freshman Jonathan Soriano said.

However, working on a college campus, which is beset with stressed students, can sometimes have its downsides.

"People are often a little grumpy during exams," said senior Lilin Yonekura who works at the Tower. "But usually, there are two kinds of people who I encounter while working — first there are the very friendly, courteous customers, and then there are the ones who order while on the cell phone, which we don't really appreciate too much."

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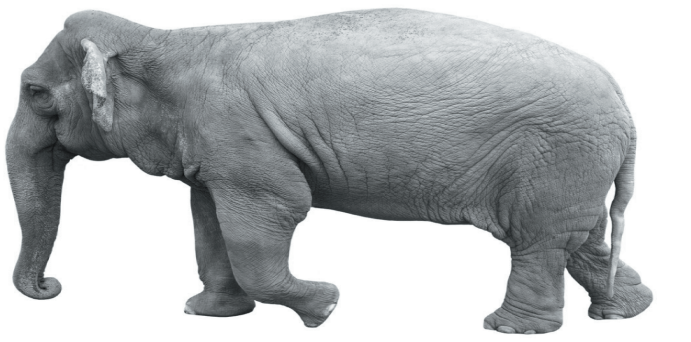

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GALLERY REVIEW

Miller Block Gallery looks 'through the lens'

BY LAUREN HERSTIK
Contributing Writer

Step out of the elevator into the bare, hardwood-floored Miller Block Gallery on Newbury Street and listen for the footfalls echoing across the hall into the gallery space. There sits "The City: Through the Lens," a small photography exhibit with huge breadth.

The City: Through the Lens

At the Miller Block Gallery
through Feb. 28
14 Newbury Street, Boston
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Nine photos grace the whitewashed walls, giving the impression that the room has windows on all four sides. On the back wall, actual windows looking out onto Newbury Street let the sun pour in and illuminate each of the other nine glimpses into urban life. Each photo is a glimpse of "the city," the gigantic, pulsating, man-made thing that sprawls out all around the gallery. Each photo views it from a different perspective and through a different kind of lens.

There are Elke Morris' pieces, "Domicile I" and "Domicile II" (2004). They are Iris prints, meaning the artist has used an Iris printer to make a fine art piece from a digital photo. The two pieces focus on freestanding buildings in nondescript urban settings. In both, the subjects, or domiciles, are in sharp focus. Each gives the impression that within the unfocused, dull city, some individuality still remains, as shown by these brightly colored buildings. The two photos seem like portraits because Morris breathes so much life into inanimate objects.

Scott Peterman takes an opposing viewpoint in his pieces, "Ecataepec" and "SP301" (2006). While Morris seems to emphasize individuality, Peterman's pieces take a look at the monotony and infinite quality of the city. Both of his pieces are aerial shots of sprawling, faceless cities. The field of view is filled entirely with buildings.

COURTESY MILLER BLOCK GALLERY
Elke Morris' 'Domicile #2' shows the individuality of structures in the city.

In "Ecataepec," rows of houses repeat one after another, resembling a fractal image. They fade into oblivion at the top of the frame, obscured by what is presumably hot Mexico City haze and smog. "SP301" is more chaotic, with no apparent pattern to the layout of buildings within the frame. In both, Peterman confronts the boundlessness of the city and how easily things blend into each other, thereby obscuring individuality. Life still manages to show its face from within the inorganic mess of the city, though. Figures are visible in windows, tiny snapshots of life wrapped up in the urban landscape.

Abelardo Morell and Sasha Bezzubov are two other standout artists in the exhibit. Morell's "Camera Obscura Image of the Chrysler Building in Hotel Room" (1997) is a black and white image made with a pinhole camera. A pinhole camera is a camera without a lens that requires a much longer exposure time than conventional cameras and produces very unique images, like Morell's.

In Morrel's piece, the New York skyline, including the Chrysler Building, is projected

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THEATER REVIEW

'Souvenir' hits all the wrong notes, but in a good way

BY NAOMI BRYANT
Daily Editorial Board

Imagine a friend who sings along with the radio. Imagine that she sings badly. The notes she actually hits are few and far between, and she doesn't know the words. But, somehow, she thinks she sounds just as good as (or even better than) the lead singer of a popular band. She's rocking out, and it's profoundly awkward.

Souvenir

★★★½☆

Written by **Stephen Temperley**
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Such a scenario is comparable to the premise of "Souvenir: A Fantasia on the Life of Florence Foster Jenkins." Ms. Jenkins (Leigh Barrett), whose character is based on an actual historical figure, believes that she is a distinguished, talented and cultured soprano, when in fact, she is virtually tone-deaf.

Barrett plays her part admirably, and her off-key singing makes for many hilarious moments on stage. Always in character, she does a good job of looking as if she believes there is nothing wrong with the way she sounds. She's fully convinced that her audience isn't laughing, but simply overcome by emotion. Jenkins flounces around on stage, discussing classical arias and using Italian lyrics in everyday conversation. Even when she talks, it's as if she's still trying to sing. Her voice is breathy and changes pitch often. Jenkins obviously loves her music, and believes in herself with a child-like innocence that is at once endearing and pitiful.

Crucial to the theatrical retelling of Florence Foster Jenkins' life is Cosme McMoon (Will McGarrahan), a character based on Jenkins' accompanist. The story is told as if McMoon is remembering Jenkins' life on the anniversary of her death. He narrates the show, and his dialogue with Jenkins is interspersed with his personal observations and commentary.

THE LYRIC STAGE COMPANY
Jenkins may look like an angel, but her singing is far from heavenly.

McMoon plays piano and sings with tunefulness that only emphasizes Jenkins' mistakes. In contrast to the almost slapstick hilarity of Jenkins' off-key performances,

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DEVIN TOOHEY | WHEN POP CULTURE GOES BAD

Invasion of the Little Gold Men

Beware, young pop culturites, for the great day of reckoning is upon us. Repent, for this Sunday come the Awards of the Academy!

I used to care about the Oscars. Really, I used to. My brother would often mock the level to which I got involved, saying that it wasn't like I actually had a hand in any of the nominated films. True, but it was never the case that he had a spot on the bench of the New Jersey Nets.

The way I saw it, Oscar Night is the Super Bowl for movie geeks. You can throw parties, make bets and get terribly disappointed. Hell, both are even awkwardly positioned on a Sunday, forcing one to do his or her homework early in the weekend — or most likely, not at all.

As you may have noticed though, you are reading a column called "When Pop Culture Goes Bad." So, clearly, my opinion is not what it once was.

I do not really know when it happened. It may have been when "Crash" (2004) won. Now, I'm not one of those people who think that it was the most grievous sin to the gay rights movement that "Brokeback Mountain" (2005) did not take home the golden little guy. I believe the mere fact that Crash was nominated was a tragedy. And do not get me started on the screenplay.

It was then that I really started thinking of the Oscars as a whole. For example, a lot of people said that "Brokeback Mountain" lost because it was the favorite, because the Academy did not want to come off as too predictable, because all of the magazines would be able to brag "We were right!" if it won.

But, um, the role of awards (or at least, in my humble, naïve opinion) is not to provide shocks and surprises to the viewers and recipients. They're supposed to honor excellence, not contend with the latest episode of "Heroes" for number of gasps per minute. It's the equivalent of Tufts rejecting the 18-year-old opera composer in favor of the coke-snorting dropout just so they can say in their letter, "Betcha didn't see that one coming, eh?"

[Aside: I've yet to see "Heroes." People keep recommending it to me because I'm a comic book fan, but, as I mentioned in a column last semester, I'm terribly skeptical of shows that you MUST watch. Of course, then again, "24" is one of those shows. Perhaps I should pay a visit to the iTunes store soon ... tune in later for future details.]

The sad reality is the Oscars are more about the Oscars than about the movies themselves. Magazines predict what movies are going to be nominated for the love of God! They even predict what movies are not going to be nominated but probably should! Then, after the entirety of the nominations and winners and snubs and what-have-you are listed, they proceed to all pat themselves on the back for what a grand job they did at predicting the nominees and how gravely, but predictably, certain films were snubbed.

Then, of course, they praise the Academy for giving a few good shockers, the likes of which we have not seen since Maggie Simpson shot Mr. Burns. I'm sorry, but can't we just have an awards show and that is the end of it? What's next? Is Entertainment Weekly going to predict Rolling Stones predictions for what will

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Since January 2006, Andrew S. Natsios has served on the faculty of the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University as Distinguished Professor in the Practice of Diplomacy and Advisor on International Development.

From 2001-2006, Mr. Natsios served as Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). During this period he managed USAID's reconstruction programs in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Sudan, which totaled more than $14 billion. He had served previously at USAID, first as director of the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance from 1989 to 1991 and then as assistant administrator for the Bureau for Food and Humanitarian Assistance (now the Bureau for Humanitarian Response) from 1991 to 1993.

Mr. Natsios was chairman and chief executive officer of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority from April 2000 to March 2001, where he took over management of the Central Artery/Tunnel Project, or "Big Dig" after a period of scandal and cost overruns. Before that, he also served for a year as secretary for administration and finance for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In 1998, he held the Jennings Randolph Senior Fellowship at the U.S. Institute of Peace. From 1993 to 1998, Mr. Natsios was vice president of World Vision U.S., an international relief and development organization which has a special focus on children.

Mr. Natsios served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1975 to 1987 and was named legislator of the year by the Massachusetts Municipal Association (1978), the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (1986), and Citizens for Limited Taxation (1986). He also was chairman of the Massachusetts Republican State Committee for seven years.

Mr. Natsios is a graduate of Georgetown University and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government where he received a master's degree in public administration. He has written numerous articles on foreign policy and humanitarian emergencies and two books: U.S. Foreign Policy and the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse (Center for Strategic and International Studies, 1997), and The Great North Korean Famine (U.S. Institute of Peace 2001).

After serving 22 years in the U.S. Army Reserves, Natsios retired in 1995 with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He is a veteran of the Gulf War.

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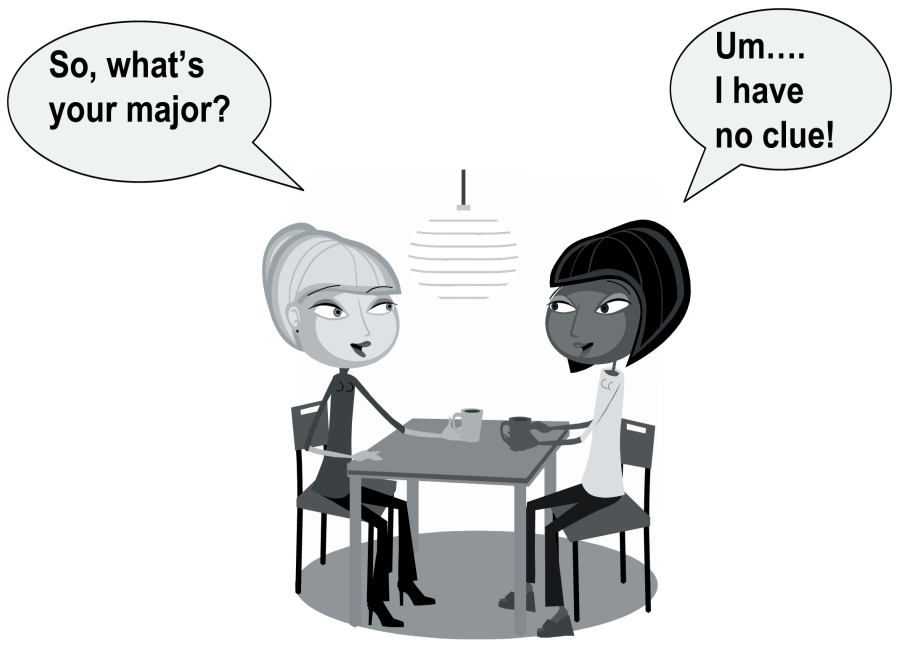

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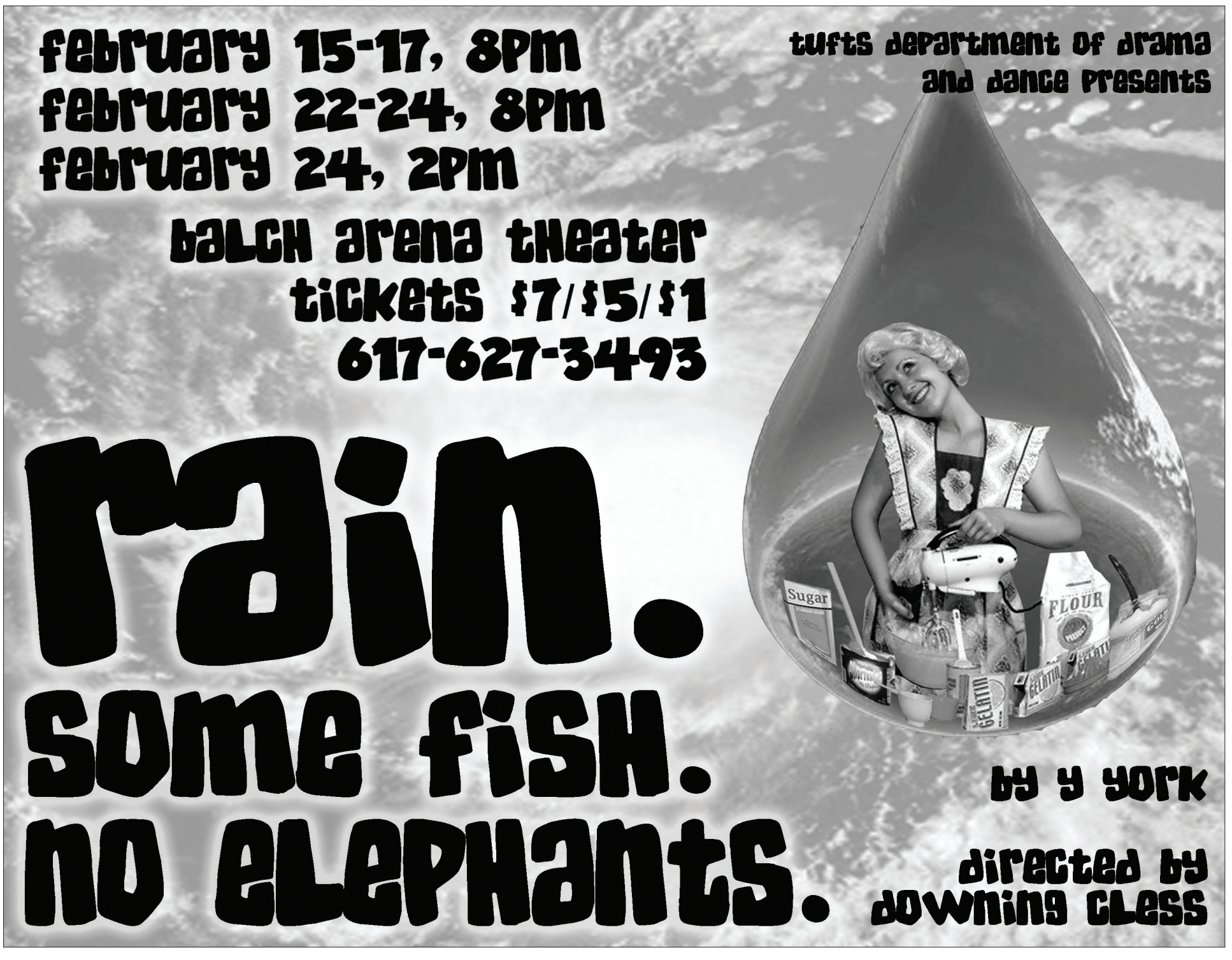

CONCERT REVIEW

Gym Class Heroes saved by opener k-os

BY MIKE ADAMS
Daily Editorial Board

MARA GITTLEMAN/TUFTS DAILY

The near-capacity crowd surprised k-os by really getting into the opening act.

If you happened to be among the sold-out crowd at Avalon on Saturday night, you may have felt like you were in some sort of strange, parallel universe. To many fans' astonishment, the order in which the groups appeared seemed to be intentionally backwards. Opening with a short, 30-minute set, k-os put on the best show by far, followed by P.O.S., then the mediocre RX Bandits, leaving the headliners, the Gym Class Heroes, who everyone came to see, as the worst performance of the night.

It was certainly an interesting spectacle to see Gym Class Heroes parade around on stage in their white and green attire, which made it seem more like a fashion show than a concert. Perhaps the outfits worked in the band's favor, though, as their music sounded just like it does on their albums: anticlimactic.

Gym Class Heroes has only put out two major albums, both in the last two years, and their sound is almost as boring as their lyrics. When a band follows up a song like "Taxi Driver," which just rattles off a list of emo bands, with a new song about how hard it is to write a song, it seems to fit the definition of uninspired writing. As excruciating as these songs were, later in the set was the even worse "New Friend Request," a nonsense song about, you guessed it, Myspace.com.

Though some might find this goofy, juvenile approach appealing, it certainly had no place appearing with such talented opening acts who, using different styles, shocked and motivated the crowd with inspiring lyrics. While P.O.S. got the crowd moving with his literally in-your-face, abrasive rap style and the Bandits performed their loud, fast reggae rock, k-os, a pseudonym meaning "knowledge of self," proved right at the beginning that he was capable of anything.

Americans may finally begin to notice k-os, who enjoys celebrity status in his home country of Canada, especially in the face of his best record to date, "Atlantis — Hymns for Disco" which was released internationally on Tuesday. The iconoclastic performer has a mixed reaction about the inevitability of fame: "I've experienced the rock star thing in Canada for a while, so I'm pretty prepared. I'm actually bored with it, but I'm interested to see what it means being that over here," he said.

Although the tragically short set could not possibly do justice to the wide range of k-os' styles, the opening slot is something he is used to, despite his fame. He explained, "It's kind of cool because there's not a lot of pressure on me ... In my home country I'm used to playing like an hour or hour and a half on tours." So, faced with no recognition and no expectations, k-os took the stage in front of a handful of die-hard fans among the sea of high school kids who had staked out the front row just to get a good look at the Gym Class Heroes a few hours later.

Such an environment seemed to be perfect for seeing k-os at his best. Needing to earn the crowd's respect, he put forth everything he had all at once, jumping around the stage, switching between singing, rapping and literally conducting his five-man band like it was the most common thing in the world. The band is what really makes a k-os show so special — they are more than just musicians for hire, as all but one have been playing and recording with k-os since his first album in the early 2000s.

"They all write their own music ... instead of reading someone else's line or playing someone else's stuff," k-os said, which gives his performance all the energy and spectacle of a rock concert.

In the midst of such a high energy, musically dynamic performance rests the brilliance of the truly poetic, inspirational lyrics that have always been at the core of k-os' style. His newer material, though, is less explicit in its message and leaves some room for interpretation, bringing the musical aspect to the forefront.

Asked whether this would reinforce the sad trend of overlooking brilliant lyrics, k-os said, "Yeah, but that's okay because I think I have other records where the message is right in your face and I think that sometimes when people just depend on the sound they forget about the lyrics ... they might hear the song when they are driving home one day or they are dancing to it or it comes on their iPod and they really check the lyrics and they've already had experience with it ... it's a cool way of reaching people."

After the Heroes' mediocre performance, it is likely that k-os will be the most lasting memory in concertgoers' minds. Perhaps next time he comes through the United States, he will be the one under all those lights, and all will be right with the universe.

Perfection hit by k-os

Following his style of not following conventions, k-os starts his new album with the retro introduction, "Electrik Heat The Seekwill," whose beat is reminiscent of his best known hit to date, "B-Boy Stance" off of 2004's "Joyful Rebellion."

The album then takes a completely unexpected turn with the first of two slow ballads, "The Rain." Such an anticlimactic twist might make listeners wonder if that's all there is but that's where the brilliance comes in.

The first of six extraordinarily fun tracks, "Flypaper," begins with reggae-style vocals over the upbeat music of a live-sounding band. The lyrics are an indictment of the apathy that has taken a hold of society. "We don't talk to each other now/ What an alien nation," and quicker hip-hop rhymes: "My antimatter is shattering any ladder that's crawling with snakes/ Make no mistake we not fate, wake up." Though the blending of these two styles might seem awkward if attempted by a less qualified artist, it is a style that k-os has made into his own.

"Equalizer" shows how far back k-os' influences go by sampling Elvis' "Jailhouse Rock" and contrasting it with a mellow, optimistic chorus. Next is "Sunday Morning," the first single which features a brilliant dance beat from start to finish. Lyrically, he underscores the importance of resting, regrouping and togetherness an uncommon and understated message to have on the dance floor.

"Mirror in the Sky" has less of a live band sound, but it is equally shoe-tapping and keeps the beat with hand claps, ensuring that no listener can sit still, and "Born to Run" keeps it going with a fist-pumping approach. The sixth song on this streak of brilliance is "Valhalla," a joyful collaboration with Kevin Drew and Sam Roberts of Broken Social Scene.

Overall, the album stays true to k-os' inspiring lyrics but features the most universally pleasing blend of soulful hip-hop in the last 10 years; it will hopefully serve as a gateway to his older material.

-by Mike Adams

Exhibit shows varied city life

COURTESY MILLER BLOCK GALLERY

Scott Peterman's 'SP301' (2006) makes you feel suddenly inconsequential.

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upside-down onto the wall of a hotel room. It is a provocative and visually intriguing piece that raises some interesting questions. What kind of view of the city does one get from inside one's room? Is what we see through the glass pane of a window an accurate representation of what lies on the other side? It's a complex concept that Morell explores through a technically simple medium.

Bezzubov's "Earthquake #1, India" (2001) is a startling image of the rubble left behind after an earthquake. The remnants of what seems to be someone's home stands crumbling into the debris-ridden street on which it lies. It is a stark representation of devastation and what would seem to be the destruction of life. Like the Peterman and Morris' pieces, life seems to struggle to poke through the cracks. Bezzubov captures the idiosyncratic nature of a home, with open doors casting light onto bedrooms and kitchens. They imply the life that once went on in there and give depth to a seemingly simple image of destruction.

The Miller Block Gallery is about as welcoming to patrons as Wall Street on a Monday morning is to a lost tourist. It is easy to feel overwhelmed with all of these unlabeled pieces of art standing aloof against the walls and the gallery curator barking into the phone, barely looking up for even a moment's glance.

Much like the city outside, it is easy to lose your way, give up and go home. But brace yourself against the cold wind, because "The City: Through the Lens" has a lot to offer to those headstrong enough to stick around and look.

Jenkins, meet Simon Cowell

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McMoon's humor is intelligent and witty. McGarrahan grounds the show, keeping the story from getting lost in Jenkins' craziness. Since his character is so real and believable, it's easier to accept the fantastical Jenkins.

The first half of "Souvenir" is captivating. Through dialogue, the audience comes to understand Jenkins. Her faith in herself and her love of music are so winning that we can almost forgive her for her truly terrible music. The consistently funny McMoon also comes to life in the first half by becoming relatable and engaging.

The second half of the show centers around Jenkins' performance at Carnegie Hall. Sadly, the dialogue virtually disappears, leaving only Jenkins' musical performance. Admittedly, it's funny to watch her prance around, utterly convinced she's a professional. She changes costumes for each number, and they are progressively more and more extreme. But without the dialogue that was so important to the beginning of the show, Jenkins' antics grow tiresome, and her singing becomes painful rather than funny.

Jenkins only doubts her musical talent for one moment in the show. At the end of her concert at Carnegie Hall, she begins to hear laughter rather than applause. Lighting, consistently emotive through "Souvenir," clearly demonstrates how devastating this moment is to Jenkins normally confident character. Later, Jenkins asks McMoon to truthfully tell her if people were laughing. McMoon, rather than tell Jenkins that she hasn't been in tune since he met her, reassures her that her voice is beautiful.

"Souvenir" focuses on the debate between letting a person live in a fantasy world or forcing that person to live in reality. Though Jenkins clearly enjoys her music, the fact remains that her friends' encouragement misleads her musical aspirations, as they lie to her about her ability to sing. This is all the more disconcerting when we consider that "Souvenir" was inspired by an actual person.

"Souvenir" is loosely based on the life of the real Florence Foster Jenkins, who was born in 1868. The wealthy Jenkins divorced her husband and moved to New York City, where she performed for her close friends before progressing to a larger venue: Carnegie Music Hall. Audience members were supposedly known to stuff handkerchiefs in their mouths to keep themselves from laughing, but Jenkins took no notice. She even recorded an album, which is played briefly during "Souvenir."

"Souvenir" leaves it to the audience to decide whether Jenkins' music is pitiful or courageous. The show is entertaining and asks important questions, but no matter the moral verdict on the performance, it's clear that to both the real and the imaginary Ms. Jenkins, "what matters most is the music in your head."

Toohey gives up on Oscars

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be nominated? Will the Academy have an award for "Best Film That We So Wrongfully Snubbed This Year?"

When you sit down and think about it, approximately four months of the year are spent to the entertainment industry telling itself what a damn good job it has done this year. First, there are the lists of the best films, shows, etc. for the year (and loyal pop culture enthusiasts will know how I feel about lists). Then there are the predictions and nominations and more predictions and awards and reactions to awards. One can only wonder how Hollywood has enough time to squeeze in actually making films with all of this self-congratulation.

So this year, I am taking a stand. I have refused to see any film simply because it was up for a lot of awards. I gauge my interest not by predictions, but by my instincts and thoughts. I always have.

For, in the end, it is just random members of the Hollywood elite trying to tell us what is good. Yet, as they have proved time after time after time (and what Oscar-enthusiasts ironically like to constantly harp upon), they are just as fallible as we are when choosing what is really the best the film industry has to offer. Who cares if some people say I'm a grouch, I'm saying no to Oscar.

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A new direction for student housing

With the newest renovations to Stratton and Wren Halls coming to campus next fall, the housing landscape on the Hill is sure to be vastly different next year. As many welcome the proposed changes, we cannot help but hope they are only the beginning to a revised and revived strategy towards Tufts housing.

In that spirit, we suggest some guidelines and aspirations for the future of student housing. We believe that having as many students live on campus as possible will promote a thriving and sustainable atmosphere, maximizing the ability of all Tufts students to receive an education outside the classroom to complement the education received within it.

The most essential need for on-campus housing is the need for The Office of Residential Life and Learning (ORLL) to develop a long-term, public plan that outlines objectives for housing. One of the greatest deficiencies of the current housing atmosphere is the lack of an all-encompassing plan for housing's future on and off campus. By developing a plan that aspires to return as many as possible to campus dwellings, ORLL can nurture a "campus feel" that will focus students, foster on-campus events and create a university that lives around the clock.

Next, housing should be upgraded, as is feasible, to keep pace with other universities. Students likely spend more time in their residences than any other single place over the course of their college careers. Keeping up-to-date amenities not only respects students' needs but also creates a more rewarding college experience. Students certainly consider housing when selecting their university. It would be a shame if Tufts were to lose quality students to other universities because of deficiencies in on-campus housing. With a serious and thorough focus on upgraded housing, Tufts can stand apart from its peer institutions and draw students who might lean towards another university. Fortunately, the improvements to Wren and Stratton Halls are good first steps toward this goal.

To achieve that goal, the University must commit to funding necessary housing changes. Currently, $277 million of the Beyond Boundaries capital campaign is earmarked for facility improvements to the Medford/Somerville campus. While many of these funds are devoted to academic facilities such as improved laboratories, the administration should not forget the basic housing needs of its students. If this $277 million is devoted elsewhere, some additional, non-specified fundraising should be directed toward a fund for the construction and upgrading of campus housing.

However, the work needed regarding student housing goes beyond campus. The entire Tufts community should strive to make on-campus and off-campus housing competitive with each other. Currently, too many students feel forced off campus because suitable housing arrangements are not available on campus. While ORLL cannot be all things to all people, no student should ever feel forced off campus because facilities on campus are lacking. By making all housing options competitive and on the same appealing level, students will have greater option to ward off excessively over-priced off-campus housing. Only a viable on-campus alternative can create this dynamic.

As a service to students and parents, ORLL should become more open and less demonized on campus. ORLL has a tremendous customer service aspect. It is in the business of providing a service to thousands of students. This is certainly a daunting task. However, no matter how hard the challenge to meet Tufts' housing needs may be, ORLL must strive to be the most professional, open and customer-friendly organization possible. Successful corporations and organizations constantly look for challenges on the horizon and strive to improve continuously. From the largest changes to the smallest ones, any way to tweak ORLL to make it a more effective, accessible and student-friendly organization is for the better. A forward-thinking plan that ensures the happiness of its customers (current students) and potential investors (eventual alumni donors) can make ORLL an effective organization that pushes itself to be the best it can be.

But for all these relatively major changes, the most personal alterations may come from a focus on the little things. Prompt maintenance, small compromises, and quick and thorough answers about housing policies can be the hallmark of Tufts housing. Tufts is a proud university, and justifiably so. Its students and staff have every right to be just as proud of its on-campus residential system.

We recognize that this is a large issue that requires the entire Tufts community's efforts. The above suggestions certainly are not the last word on this topic and we invite everyone interested to submit questions, suggestions and comments to this discussion. Every member of the Tufts community who cares about the well-being of its thousands of current and future students should do his or her part to work toward these shared goals. The only way to improve the condition of housing at Tufts is to develop and act upon a well thought-out plan. It is time to set that plan into motion.

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In Romney, we can't trust

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Mitt Romney has gone out with a bang.

The former Massachusetts governor, flexing his Republican muscles once again since announcing his run for president, acknowledged he has only been a member of the National Rifle Association since August 2006, according to a Feb. 19 Boston Globe article.

But when he ran for Senate in 1994, Romney supported gun control that was opposed by the NRA.

The now-lifetime NRA member has said, "I think [the NRA is] doing good things, and I believe in supporting the right to bear arms" on ABC's "This Week with George Stephanopoulos" on Feb. 18.

Republicans have every right to question the Michigan native's sincerity.

Romney's most recent attempt at proving his conservatism and appealing to the right is yet another stark contrast to his political record.

The strong right-wing stances Romney has recently made seem to be strategic maneuvers rather than representative of the former governor's beliefs.

In the same 1994 senatorial campaign in which Romney touted gun limitations, he declared he was pro-choice, after his brother-in-law's sister died during an illegal abortion procedure, according to a Feb. 7 Associated Press article.

But in his interview with Stephanopoulos, Romney said, "I am in favor of life and in favor of choosing life."

Romney has also supported gay rights in the past, and Massachusetts legalized same-sex marriage while he held the corner office.

Yet, early on the campaign trail in South Carolina, Romney preached, "The family is under attack in our society — it needs to be protected and strengthened," according to a Feb. 14 AP article.

How can this candidate change his opinions on several major issues so abruptly if he claims they are his true convictions? Clearly, Romney simply alters his words to what he thinks meets the demands of voters. It is impossible to know what Romney actually believes.

The issue to watch out for is Romney's support of stem cell research on excess embryos. Conservatives believe these embryos are still a life form, and they may attack Romney's support of experimentation on them. If he changes his position on this topic, voters can be sure politics is no more than a game for the former governor.

But the presidential hopeful can't even be sure that promoting staunch Republican ideals will land him in the Oval Office. Many voters are fed up with the current administration, and championing its positions seems to be an ineffective strategy.

Even if enough ballot casters support Romney's strong conservative and so-called beliefs, the 180-degree-flip his ideologies took doesn't bode well for his chances. John Kerry learned that the hard way in 2004.

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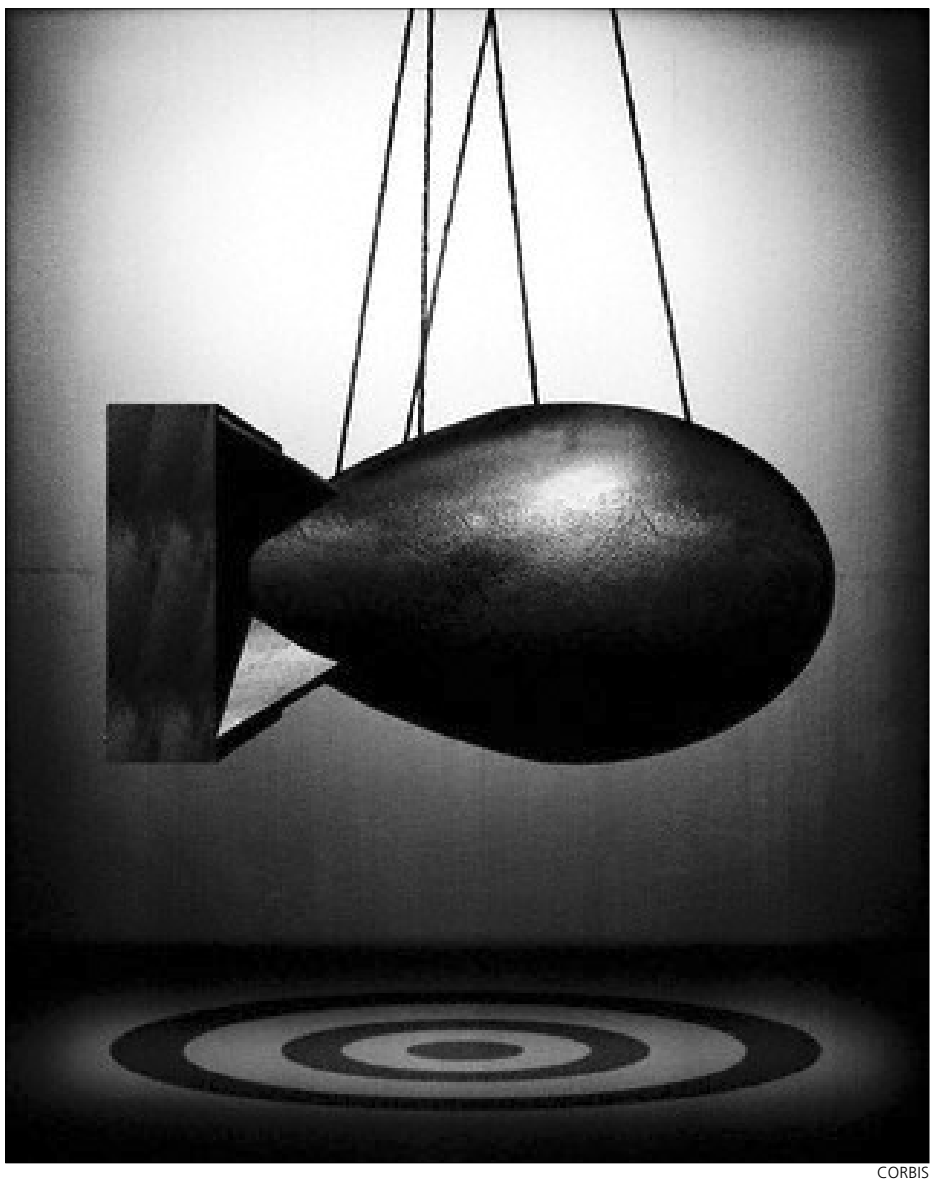
Preparing for war on Iran

BY GARY R. GOLDSTEIN



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The United States is currently building a case for war against Iran. In the last several days, military representatives have presented some parts of explosive devices as presumed evidence that Iran has been supplying Iraqi Shiite insurgents with highly effective weapons. The claim, repeated by President Bush, is that these devices are being sent into Iraq on the orders of the "highest government officials". For this claim there is no evidence presented. There has been considerable skepticism expressed by journalists, congress members, military experts and knowledgeable academics. The Boston Globe ("Doubts raised on linking of Iran to US deaths in Iraq," Feb. 14), among other major news sources, has a fair treatment of this issue.

These charges against Iran are actually several years old and probably have been orchestrated to take some of the heat off of the Bush-Cheney disaster in Iraq. But there is much more at stake here than public relations. The Bush administration has pressed U.N. Security Council members to impose strict sanctions against Iran over its nuclear development program, claiming that it is a cover for a nuclear weapons program. Most of the American public has accepted the heated rhetoric about this nuclear program, given how uncritical the media have been in reporting this issue. Calling Iran's nuclear program a "nuclear crisis" or a "nuclear standoff" paints a picture

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Recognize racism

BY ASHLEY M. SEAWRIGHT

Paula Zahn, a noted journalist, recently focused on the topic of racism on college campuses. Galvanized by Michael Richards' racist tirade, Zahn has been investigating racial attitudes and racism throughout the nation. The Feb. 13 edition of her popular broadcast revealed some disturbing truths about race and college campuses.

Leslie Picca, a University of Dayton sociologist, analyzed journals kept by 626 white college students. She found that white students behaved very differently in the company of other whites than with other races. According to Picca, 75 percent of the students who were asked to record their interactions with other people commonly used racist language and racial stereotypes.

The most common sentiments noted when Picca appeared on Zahn's show: "African Americans are criminals;" "African Americans are lazy;" "Latinos are dirty." The n-word was used repeatedly. One student reported hearing that word among white students 27 times in a single day. This is the "real world" that our peers idealize in response to those angered by The Primary Source.

This is the truth. We have a legacy of racism from which the majority of white America never broke away. We have a generation which does not understand what it means to be racist.

Recently, Clemson University confronted its own latent racism due to a party thrown over Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. I assure you that not all individuals who attended this party considered themselves racist or bigoted. The students who planned the party never intended to hurt anyone. They didn't consider that wearing black face paint or placing pillows in their pants to make their butts look bigger racist ... but it is. These demeaning categorizations and objectifying stereotypes are part of the same racism found in the nation before the Civil Rights Movement.

Many are calling for the end of affirmative action. Many call it racist and unfair. Few know the exact titles of affirmative action legislation, the history behind Executive Order 11246, the wording of Title IX or who it helps. Moreover, it is no guarantee of acceptance to a job or to a school. Rather it allows for opportunity (and we desperately need those opportunities).

When racism is so rampant that managers at a New York cable installation company, 180 Connect, put up a noose "to hang two black employees" in January as reported by the Associated Press, or when the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King prompts students to celebrate by wearing black face make-up, there is clearly a deep and troubling problem.

Make no mistake: it is not college admissions practices that divide and segregate. That was done long before many of us even considered college. Moreover, a significant part of this division comes from the fact that in white America, the ideas of black people as lazy, shiftless, unworthy and sub-equal were never truly discussed and dismissed. The bigoted notion that Latinos are dirty has never fully been stamped out. Many of our peers have grown up with a dual concept of race — practicing political correctness but believing consciously or unconsciously that racial minorities, particularly blacks and Latinos, are inferior.

I want to make a very important point: Not every white person is racist. Not every white student on this campus is a bigot. To promote that line of reasoning is grossly unfair, and in itself biased. My purpose is not to attack the white-student community. Rather I urge this community to look deep into the heart of the issues we are grappling with. This strikes at the heart of the Primary Source's carol.

It's time to move past the Primary Source's constant defense of the carol as a statement about affirmative action. It's time to go to the heart of the matter. Many have problems accepting that racial minorities deserve to be at Tufts. Does a "criminal" deserve to walk the prestigious Hill? How can you truly accept the right of your classmate to be here if you inherently believe that they are somehow inferior?

You cannot promote diversity, racial and cultural understanding if notions of inequality exist. Quite frankly, our society has tolerance, but barely leased tolerance held within two-sided racism. It is the reason why we have a university filled with large multitudes of racial, cultural and religious groups that shimmer in an ocean of hatred. It is the reason why we can sit in class, learn and study with minorities, go home, and spout the n-word. It is the reason why there can be outrage about the carol while there are still countless whispers that The Primary Source had a point, as shown by the Feb. 13 viewpoint, "The hypocrisy of diversity."

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Real Men don't order strawberry milkshakes

When you're eighteen years old and embarking on your life as a Man, the opinion of your father is pretty important.

I capitalize Man because it deserves to be capitalized. The stigma is so deeply rooted in our society and our concepts of marriage, business, home and general lifestyle that to leave it sans cap would be something bordering denial. We hear a lot of harping on the female identity, but men, for the most part, go unnoticed. Well dudes, I'm about to notice you.

Sitting at a Denny's counter with his father, a friend of mine decided it tickled his fancy that evening to have himself a tasty strawberry milkshake. You know, the kind in a tall frosted glass, with a big, ripe berry floating enticingly at the top of the swirl. Boy, oh boy. After enjoying every last sip of his savory delight and exiting the establishment, his father entreated him to step aside for a little heart-to-heart:

"Son, Real Men don't order *strawberry* milkshakes."

To keep a long story short, my friend orders chocolate now. Upon discovering this incident, my heart immediately went out to all the men in the world. Strawberry is by far the tastiest flavor of milkshake, and to have to avoid it in order to uphold some pathetic antiquated image of masculinity is absolutely absurd. I asked another male colleague his opinion on the matter. "Strawberry's definitely the best flavor," he admitted. "But when I was little, my sister used to order the strawberry and I would order the chocolate, and then we'd swap." What?! Do you have a phobia of flavoring?!

Okay, guys. I have a newsflash for all of you: no one cares what flavor of milkshake you order. Wait a minute — I take that back. Maybe milkshake companies care. For statistical reasons.

Alright, let's spin this from another perspective. When my friend told me his story, I immediately brought up the obvious: "But you aren't gay! Doesn't he know you have a girlfriend?" I quickly discovered that masculinity has little to do with sexuality. The fear isn't of being homosexual, it's of being less of a Man. There's that capital again.
Capital like Charlton Heston.

Capital like Paul Bunyan.

Capital like effin' Luke Skywalker.

It should come as no surprise that the male identity is pretty much set in stone. The idea of a "real Man" isn't a new one by any stretch of the imagination. What is a novel idea is the war currently being fought within the male gender in order to save face.

Allow me to explain.

There is an argument that married individuals unhappy with their marriages do all in their power to encourage as many people as possible to get married, in order to keep their flame alive. "If we had to go through it," they think, "why shouldn't everyone else?" In this way, one unhappy couple encourages other couples to become unhappy in order to justify their own unhappiness, resulting in one massive

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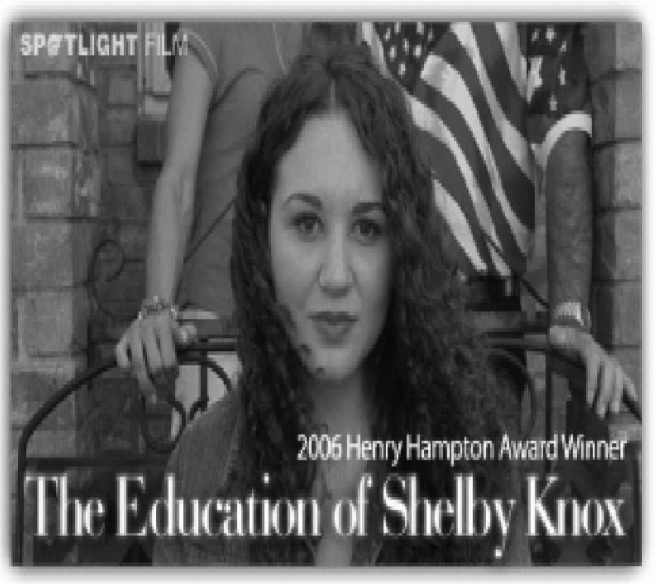

Meet 15 year-old Shelby Knox, a self-described "good Southern Baptist girl" from Lubbock, Texas. Shelby has pledged abstinence until marriage, but she becomes an unlikely advocate for comprehensive sex ed when she finds that Lubbock, where high schools teach abstinence as the only safe sex, has some of the highest rates of teen pregnancy and STDs in the state.

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Be a man, drink a milkshake

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unhappy vicious cycle.

In the same way, a Man having to sacrifice any kind of sensitivity he possesses in an effort to stay Manly is likely to encourage others to follow suit with similar type behavior. A man displaying less masculine qualities is immediately threatened with homosexuality. Furthermore, men displaying a somewhat abnormal sense for fashion are dubbed "metrosexual." Last time I checked, clothes had nothing to do with sexuality. Why tack on the latter part of that word?

In a recent Daily article about Greek enrollment, an observation was made that "enrollment may be down, but retention was at an all-time high." That's the way it is with Men. While enrollment into the "Male team" might be at an all-time low (gay communities everywhere are rejoicing), retention is staggeringly high. Once a Man has solidified his position with other Men, there's no turning back.

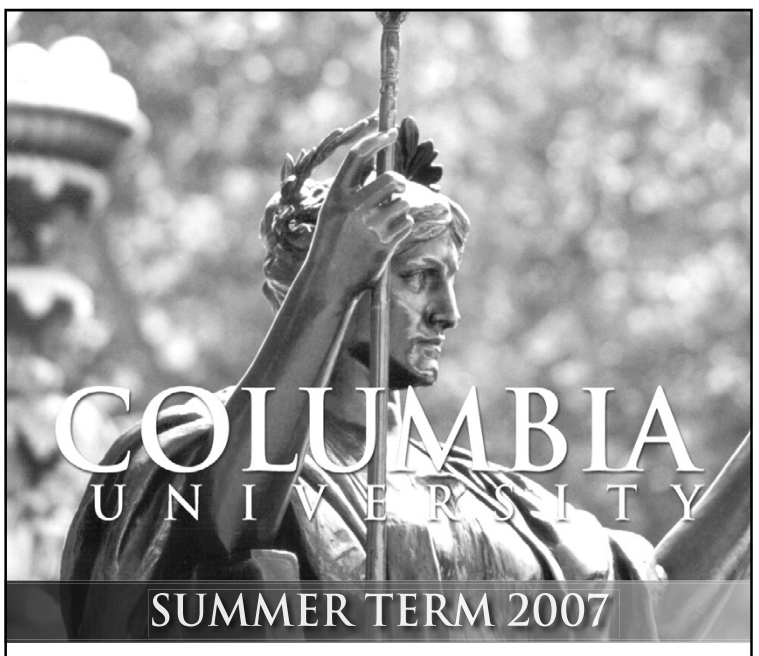
I once wrote a paper foreseeing a Male Liberation Movement similar to their female counterparts', except in the opposite direction. I soon found out that such a movement would be nearly impossible, that Men saw their position post-movement as somehow less than before, and stereotypically, their general sentiments toward "openness" and "expression" are somewhat lacking.

In a way, the nature of the male beast is far more frightening than that of the female's 50 years ago. Men have a lot to lose: their friends, their reputation, their ... Manliness. And to somehow sacrifice any of that would be absolutely devastating.

While women can freely move like chameleons in and out of gender-typical behavior, ordering a scotch on the rocks at a bar but relishing a much-needed pedicure on a weekend, Men are far more limited in their scope. A woman would not alienate her female compatriot for Male-typical behavior, but the opposite is not always necessarily true for men.

Come on, guys. The results here are scary. I'm going to let you in on a little secret, though. Women dig sensitive dudes. You know the friend I described earlier? He hasn't been without a girlfriend in I don't know how many years. Being more open and comfortable with your masculinity (and I do not just mean wearing pink Polos) would pay off for you tenfold.

Go ahead — order that strawberry milkshake. All those chocolate guys have no idea what they're missing.



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Professor Goldstein condemns prospective military action against Iran

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of atomic weapons at the ready. This is as far from the truth as were the "weapons of mass destruction" that were presented as the reason to start war on Iraq.

The Iranians do not have nuclear weapons. They do not have the ability to make nuclear weapons. They are in the early stages of development of facilities that can enrich uranium, a necessary step in preparing fuel for nuclear reactors. At this point they can barely do that job. Even if their goal were to make weapons, and they progressed at a reasonable pace toward that goal, experts estimate that it would take anywhere from three to eight years. Under the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty, to which Iran is a signatory, they have the right to produce fuel for a reactor (four to five percent enrichment), which they have been developing for many years. The Bush administration has insisted that their purpose is to enrich fuel for nuclear bombs (90 to 95 percent enrichment). Such a goal requires a far more extensive enrichment facility than exists.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the U.N.'s nuclear treaty enforcement agency, had regular extensive inspections of facilities before the United States pushed for sanctions. Those inspections showed no violation of treaty requirements against weapon development. The surest way to guarantee that no weapons are developed is through those inspections. In response to the U.S. bullying, Iran reduced access to the inspectors. This is one of the many ways that the United States is goading Iran into returning the Bush administration's belligerence.

The most frightening development in the last year has gone mostly unreported in the United States. The United States has put two Carrier Battle Groups in the Arabian Gulf, poised to attack Iran, and a third may be on the way. A Carrier Battle Group is a military city, with a gigantic aircraft carrier, essentially a mobile airport, at its center. The carrier is a nuclear powered vessel 20 stories high, with 70 to 80 planes and 6,000 crewmembers. Accompanying that juggernaut is an armada — several supply ships, pairs of guided-missile carrying cruisers and destroyers, as well as two attack submarines, capable of carrying dozens of nuclear cruise missiles.

These two Carrier Battle Groups are threatening Iran right now. Either one of those can destroy all of Iran as well as most of the Middle East with its nuclear weaponry. And the Bush-Cheney government is threatening to use these Armageddon machines. This is what administration officials, as well as many members of congress and presidential candidates, mean when they say that "all options are on the table." This situation is horrendous. The U.S. media are shirking their duty to inform. Much of what we know comes from the foreign press (for example, "Target Iran: US able to strike in spring", The Guardian, Feb.10). The one hint of this U.S. weapons build up that made the news was the barely noted collision of a U.S. attack submarine, the Newport News, with a Japanese freighter in the Straits of Hormuz on Jan. 8. This location is within 25 miles of Iran. The reporters did not ask why the sub was there. There was presumably little damage to the sub and scanty reference to the condition of the freighter. The story disappeared the next day.

We should all be extremely worried, given the series of disastrous military decisions made by the Bush-Cheney leadership. We must insist through petitions, calls to congress members and demonstrations, that our government's massive nuclear threat be withdrawn from the Middle East. We must insist that the United States engage Iran in constructive negotiations to lower the threat of war. The Iraq war should be a sufficient lesson that U.S. bullying does not aid its security. The U.S. war on Iraq must be ended quickly, as a sizable majority of U.S. voters agree. The Iran war must not be allowed to happen.

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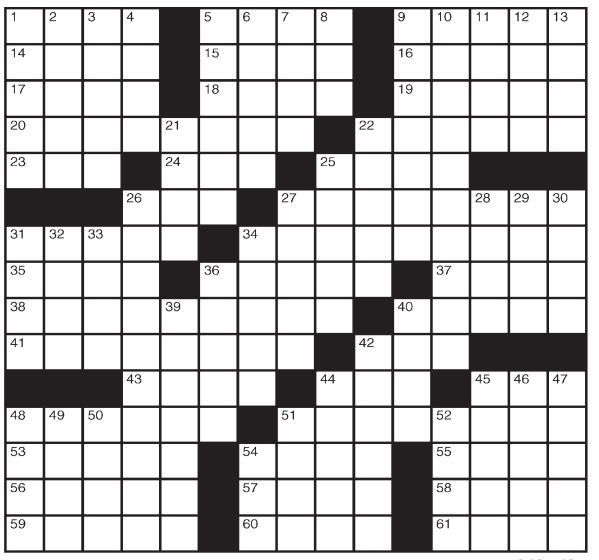

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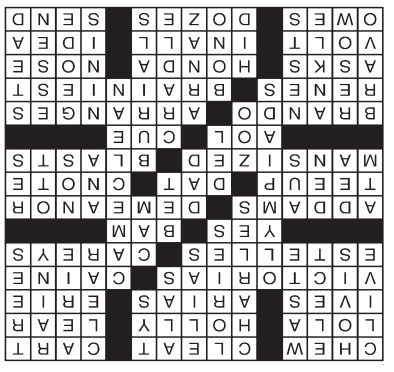

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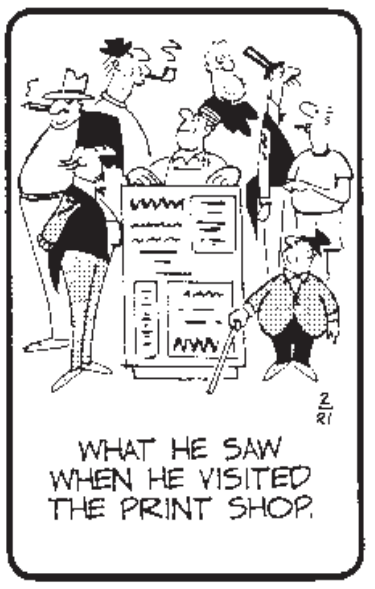
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



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(Answers tomorrow)

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Answer: Why Mom agreed to appear in the movie crowd scene — FOR "EXTRA" MONEY

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LATE NIGHT AT THE DAILY

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Rob Silverblatt: "Is that your McDonald's order?"

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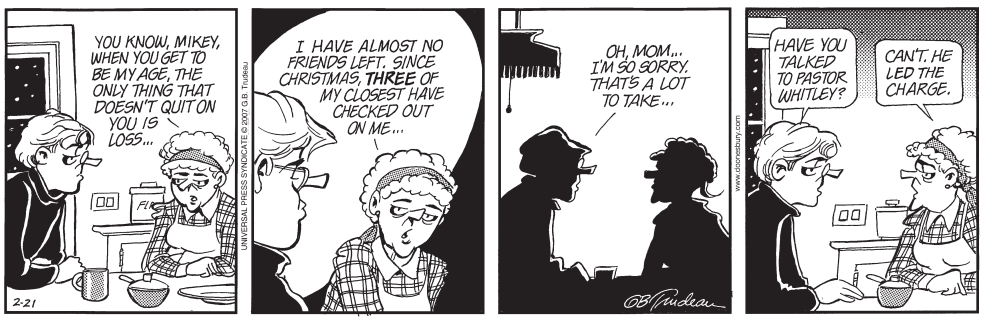
BY GARRY TRUDEAU



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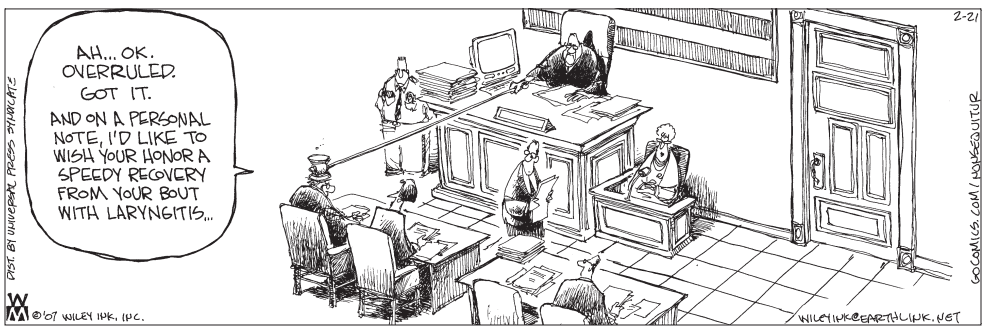

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Solution to Tuesday's puzzle

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March Madness awaits for newly-crowned champs

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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record. Michigan State freshman Allyssa DeHaan, with her towering 6'9" frame, led the Spartans with 25 points en route to a 62-59 win on the road, breaking the Buckeyes' 17-game winning streak.

Ohio State will now have to wait until tomorrow night to clinch its Big Ten regular season crown when it takes on **Penn State**. Michigan State stands in third place in the Big Ten with an overall record of 21-6 and a 12-2 conference clip, while No. 15 Purdue is also 12-2 in the Big Ten and 23-5 overall, placing it just ahead of the Spartans.

Just like Ohio State, North Carolina also lost to a conference rival, dropping a game to un-ranked **N.C. State** on Friday before bouncing back to thrash **Miami** on Sunday, bringing the Heels' season record to 26-2 and their conference mark to 10-2.

On Friday, the Tar Heels paid a visit to the Wolfpack's den and played on the newly dedicated Kay Yow Court. The Wolfpack honored their Hall of Fame coach with a win over the second-best team in the country, while breaking a seven-game losing streak against UNC.

The Wolfpack came out on a tear and went into halftime with a 46-27 lead. But trailing by 26 points late in the second frame, the Tar Heels charged back, but could not overcome the hefty deficit, as NC State held off the Tar Heels to earn the 72-65 win.

Meanwhile, Monday night saw a match-up between No. 3 **Tennessee** and No. 7 **LSU** that ended in a nail-biter. Strong defense from LSU held the Lady Vols to 31.3 percent shooting, but that was not enough to stop Tennessee sophomore Candace Parker, who led the Lady Vols with 27 points, 13 boards, two blocks, two assists, and two steals. Parker had almost half the Lady Vols' points as they edged LSU by a final score of 56-51.

While Tennessee never trailed LSU in the game, the Tigers tied the game at 51-51 with 1:21 left on the clock. After three made free throws, LSU junior Quianna Chaney attempted a three-pointer to tie the game but came up short as the ball rolled around the rim and out.

In a game in which neither team shot over 40 percent, rebounding was the difference-maker. Tennessee out-rebounded LSU 44-36, including 20 offensive rebounds that accounted for 13 second-chance points. The win clinched Tennessee the SEC regular season title.

With regular season conference titles in the bag, the women will look to their respective conference tournaments in the next few weeks before the brackets are announced and March Madness begins.

The NBA All-Star Game: a colossal flop

CLINCHY

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ated 30 million people with that sentence, and no, I don't care.)

The bottom line is that this problem is never going to change, because as long as the All-Star Game continues to be irrelevant, the players are going to continue goofing off for 48 minutes. So, brace yourself for what I'm about to say. I never thought I'd say it.

Perhaps Bud Selig got it right.

Baseball seems to be the one sport holding an All-Star Game that actually makes people care. The NHL (yes, it has an all-star game, but I don't blame you if you never noticed) saw its ratings drop 76 percent this year from its last showcase in 2004. The Pro Bowl consistently flops every February, probably because everyone is tired of watching football by Super Bowl's end. Major League Baseball, meanwhile, is attracting more viewers than all three games combined.

I hate to say it, but that may be a result of Commissioner Selig's policy of giving the winning league home-field advantage for the World Series.

You can argue that that rule is stupid, because there's no reason the Tigers should benefit when Michael Young gets a game-winning hit off of Trevor Hoffman. But it's a double-edged sword. While the "this time it counts" rule may be illogical, it also serves a purpose: it makes people care. And after Sunday night's debacle, I've started to wonder what it would be like to watch an NBA All-Star Game that actually mattered.

I don't know why I bother, because I seriously doubt that it'll ever happen. But hey, I can dare to dream. And dream, I will. I'm dreaming of a world with a lot less Kobe, and a lot more Steve Nash. It's a happy dream.

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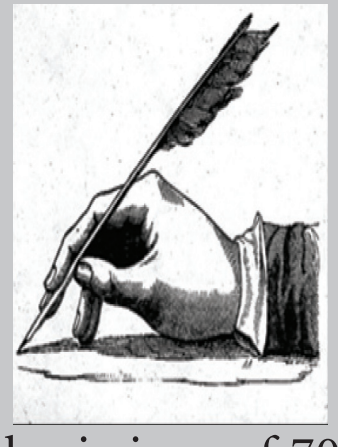

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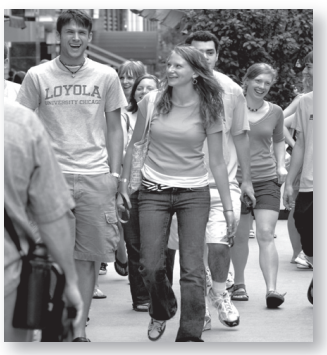

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DAILY DIGITS

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Three-point shots missed by the men's basketball team in its 84-72 loss to Williams in the first round of the NESCAC playoffs Saturday. The Jumbos made just five of their 32 attempts during the game, thanks in large part to the Ephs' stifling 1-3-1 defense.

160

The number of consecutive weeks Roger Federer has spent as the top-ranked men's tennis player on the ATP Tour, tying Jimmy Connors' all-time record. Federer first climbed to the No. 1 spot Feb. 2, 2004. The Swiss is guaranteed to break the record next week.

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Points scored by junior Kendall Swett in the 1-meter dive at the NESCAC women's swimming and diving championships this weekend. WIth this point total, Swett set a new NESCAC record in the event.

90

Number of days that former Minnesota Vikings WR Koren Robinson will spend in jail for fleeing police in a high-speed chase last August. Robinson must also serve three years of probation, complete 80 hours of community service, and pay a $1,500 fine.

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Number of NESCAC Player of the Week honors earned by members of the women's basketball team this season. The most recent recipient was senior co-captain Laura Jasinski who scored 17 points in the team's win over Middlebury on Saturday. Senior Valerie Krah and junior Khalilah Ummah both netted the honor earlier this season, with Ummah winning it twice.

.830

The winning percentage of the Dallas Mavericks at the All-Star break, the fourth-highest percentage all-time. The three teams ahead of the Mavs who had better records at this juncture all went on to win the NBA title, including the 1995-96 (.894) and 1996-97 (.875) Bulls and the 1982-83 76ers (.860).

Season ends with Jumbos in last place, looking ahead to next year

HOCKEY

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do throughout the season," Milo said. "We were in a slump, and it dragged us down."

The second of the Jumbos' three season-ending losses came Friday night in Babson Park, where the Beavers slammed the Jumbos, 7-2 behind two goals from sophomore Matt Harrington, while five other Babson players joined the party.

Babson took the early lead at the 10:06 mark in the first, but Tufts answered shortly afterward with a goal from freshman forward Cory Korchin to tie the score at 1-1. Minutes later, Beaver junior Mike Venit took his own rebound and sent it to the back of the net to put Babson up 2-1, handing the Beavers a lead they would not relinquish.

Babson ran away with the victory over the remaining minutes of play. While the blowout was a disappointing one for the Tufts squad, the players were determined not to worry about the loss, and instead looked ahead to the future.

"We didn't let this loss get to us," Corbett said. "This is a young team, and they'll come back strong next year."

Only four of this year's players — Corbett, Matt Dalton, Brian Bailey, John Murphy — are not returning next year, and as a majority of the team is underclassmen, the Jumbos should come back next year with playoff intentions.

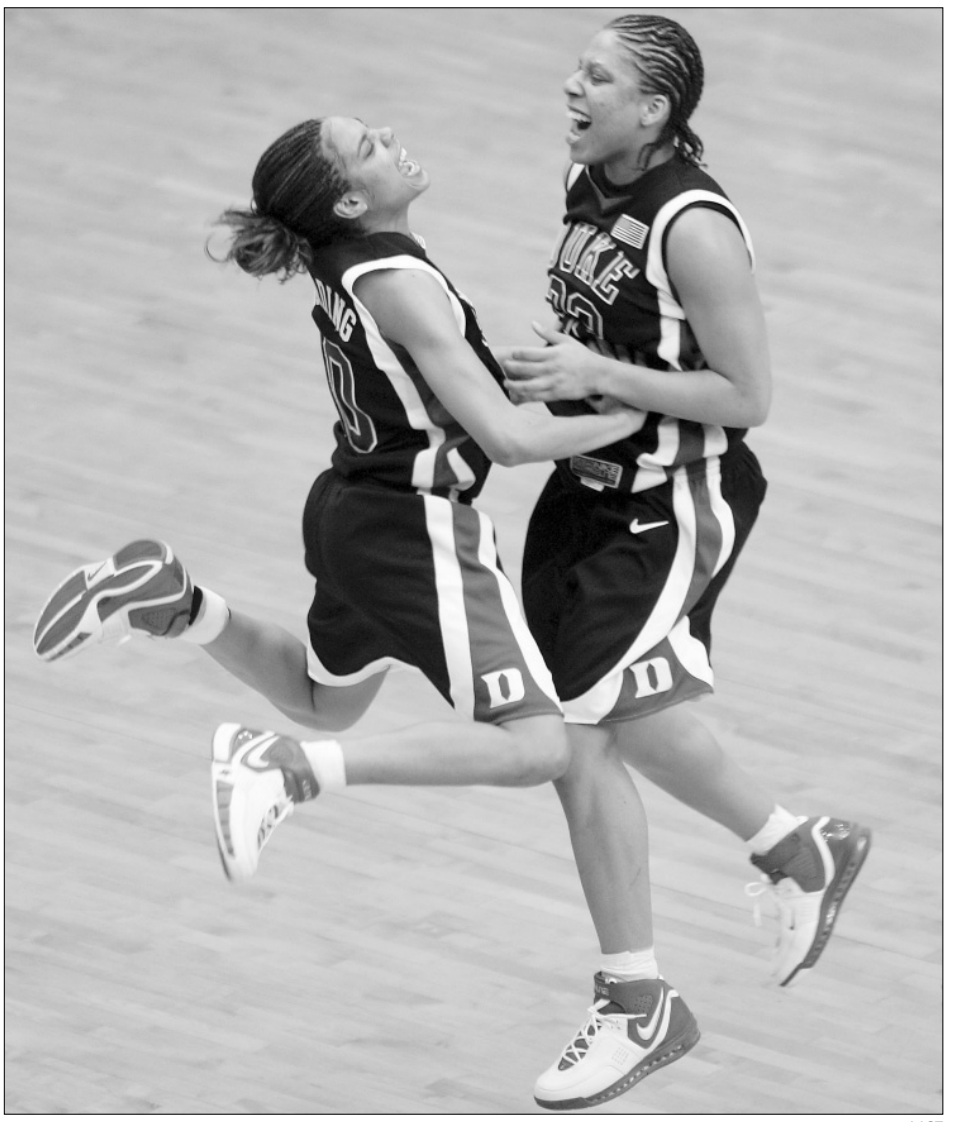
Not one of Tufts' top six scorers was from this year's graduating class, with junior forward Ross Gimbel leading the way with 25 points, followed by two sophomore forwards, Milo and Greg McCarthy, who each added 20.

In addition to the strong offensive output from the Jumbos' returning members, the team has also matured mentally and emotionally, and the returning stars hope that their development as a team will translate to wins next winter.

"We learned a lot," Milo said. "Next season, we're going to have to come together as a real team. We're going to step up and be leaders."

INSIDE WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Blue Devils clinch ACC title in a sold-out game against Maryland



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Two Duke guards, senior Lindsey Harding and junior Wanisha Smith, celebrate the Blue Devils' 64-53 victory over the North Carolina Tar Heels Feb. 8 in Chapel Hill. The Devils now prepare to host the Tar Heels Sunday, as their rematch is the final game on the ACC regular season schedule.

BY LAUREN EBSTEIN
Daily Editorial Board

There is only one obstacle still standing in the **Duke Blue Devils'** way of an undefeated season — conference rival and nationally-ranked No. 2 **North Carolina**.

The Blue Devils and the Tar Heels faced off earlier this season in Chapel Hill, with Duke handing UNC its first loss of the season, 64-53. The two nemeses will face off again Sunday in Durham with Duke's undefeated season on the line.

After clinching the ACC title with a win over No. 6 **Maryland** on Sunday night, Duke heads into the weekend tilt with an untarnished 28-0 overall record (13-0 ACC). The Blue Devils did not let the opposing crowd of 17,950 — the largest for a single game in ACC history — affect their attempt at a perfect season, winning by a final score of 69-57. The Terrapins' loss dropped their season record to 25-4 and 9-4 in the ACC, and was the second game they dropped to Duke this season.

Blue Devil senior forward Lindsey Harding posted a career-high 29 points in the monstrous win. Harding started strong, scoring the first 11 points for the Blue Devils and 20 of her 29 in the first half to lead her team to a 35-29 halftime edge. Duke has not trailed at halftime in any game this season.

With the win, Duke clinched its sixth ACC title in seven years and eighth in school history.

The No. 24 **Michigan State Spartans** also secured an important road victory, heading into **Ohio State** territory on Sunday afternoon hoping to ruin the Buckeyes' perfect Big Ten

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STATISTICS | STANDINGS

Men's Basketball
(14-10, 5-4 NESCAC)

	NESCAC		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Amherst	8	1	24	1
Trinity	7	2	21	3
Williams	6	3	14	11
Colby	5	4	15	10
Middlebury	5	4	15	10
Tufts	5	4	14	10
Bates	3	6	18	7
Bowdoin	3	6	15	10
Wesleyan	2	7	7	16
Conn.Coll.	1	8	11	13

Individual Statistics

	PPG	RPG	APG
Jon Pierce	16.5	5.3	0.6
Jake Weitzen	14.6	7.2	3.0
Ryan O'Keefe	13.5	3.1	1.6
Brian Kumf	10.1	4.8	1.0
Dave Shepherd	7.9	3.8	5.6
Brian Fitzgerald	5.8	5.4	0.4
Jeremy Black	5.2	1.8	3.7
Dave Beyel	3.3	1.9	0.4
Aaron Gallant	2.6	0.9	0.5
Jason Grauer	2.2	0.7	0.4
Pat Sullivan	1.8	1.9	0.4
Dan Cook	1.5	0.4	0.1
Reed Morgan	1.3	0.7	0.1
Brian Lowry	0.8	0.9	0.2
Team	**82.8**	**42.2**	**17.1**

Women's Basketball
(17-7, 8-1 NESCAC)

	NESCAC		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Bowdoin	9	0	24	1
Tufts	8	1	17	7
Bates	6	3	15	9
Williams	6	3	20	5
Wesleyan	5	4	15	9
Amherst	3	6	12	13
Middlebury	3	6	12	13
Trinity	3	6	12	12
Colby	1	8	6	17
Conn.Coll.	1	8	10	14

Individual Statistics

	PPG	RPG	APG
Valerie Krah	14.3	1.9	2.3
Khalilah Ummah	10.7	6.9	0.5
Jenna Gomez	9.3	5.7	1.2
Laura Jasinski	7.2	6.6	1.0
T. Miller-Stevens	6.1	4.4	4.4
Kim Moynihan	5.4	3.5	1.1
Libby Park	4.7	5.1	0.5
Casey Sullivan	1.7	0.8	0.5
Vanessa Miller	1.6	2.0	0.5
Juila Baily	1.5	1.1	0.4
Stacy Filocco	1.5	0.6	0.0
Katie Puishys	1.4	0.9	0.0
Elisa Synborski	1.2	1.3	0.1
Katie Wholey	0.9	0.3	0.2
Team	**62.2**	**42.2**	**11.8**

Hockey
(6-18-0, 3-16-0 NESCAC)

	NESCAC			OVERALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Bowdoin	11	6	2	14	6	3
Midd.	11	6	2	14	7	3
Colby	11	7	1	13	8	2
Wesleyan	9	6	4	11	7	5
Amherst	10	8	1	13	9	1
Conn.Coll	9	9	1	10	12	2
Williams	8	9	2	8	13	2
Trinity	6	10	3	8	12	4
Hamilton	6	12	1	7	16	1
Tufts	3	16	0	6	18	0

Individual Statistics

	G	A	Pts
Ross Gimbel	12	13	25
Joe Milo	10	10	20
Greg McCarthy	9	11	20
Kurt Hertzog	6	12	18
Greg O'Connell	4	14	18
Doug Wilson	6	10	16
Brian Bailey	3	6	9
Joe Cappellano	1	8	9
Evan Crosby	4	4	8
Team	**71**	**122**	**193**

Goalkeeping	**GA**	**S**	**S%**
James Kalec	73	520	.877
Issa Azat	42	287	.872

SCHEDULE | February 21-25

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Men's Basketball					
Women's Basketball				**NESCAC Semis at Bowdoin vs. Bates**	
Hockey					
Men's Swimming			NESCACs at Bowdoin	NESCACs at Bowdoin	NESCACs at Bowdoin
Women's Swimming					
Men's Squash			CSA Nationals at Yale	CSA Nationals at Yale	CSA Nationals at Yale
Women's Squash					
Track and Field			Open New England's at BU	Open New England's at BU	
JumboCast				TBA	

INSIDE MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Louisville shines as Selection Sunday approaches

Under the radar, Texas A&M a team to watch

BY MATT MERTENS
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A bracket-busting weekend provided college basketball fans with a lot of action, as the March Madness picture saw some major changes.

As Selection Sunday draws closer, the postseason picture begins to come into focus. Some teams are firing on all cylinders heading down the stretch, while others couldn't have picked a worse time to stumble.

Among the former group are the **Louisville Cardinals**. Five days after drilling the **Pittsburgh Panthers** on the road, the Cardinals eked out a 61-59 road win over the **Marquette Golden Eagles** on Sunday. Freshman guard Jerry Smith, who grew up in the Milwaukee suburbs and was offered a scholarship by Marquette coach Tom Creen back in eighth grade, hit a game-winning trey to knock off the Eagles as time expired. The Cardinals netted a No. 20 ranking for their efforts, and the team is now armed with two attractive wins to catch the eye of the selection committee.

Another squad to watch come March is **Texas A&M**, which has flown under the national radar because of its unaesthetic, half-court, grind-it-out style, and a lack of marquee players. But coach Billy Gillispie's boys have won 15 of their last 17 games, including a 69-66 road win over the then-No. 6 **Kansas Jayhawks** on Feb. 3 and a 100-82 throttling of Kevin Durant and the **Texas Longhorns** two days later. The two losses incurred during that stretch have come by a combined four points.

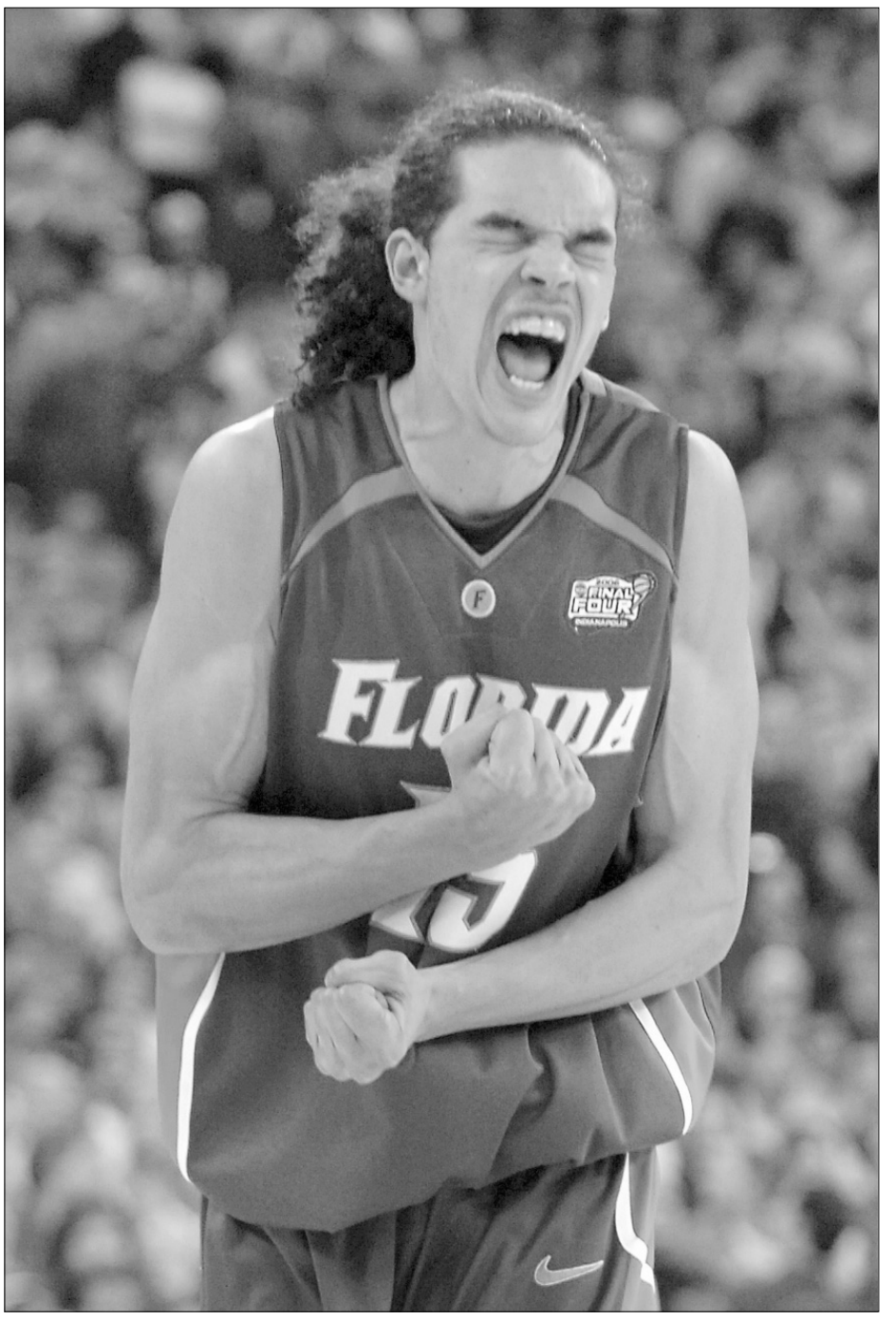
The Aggies boast all the necessary ingredients for a run into the Elite Eight: a tenacious defense, a game-changing point guard in Acie Law IV, quality big men like Joseph Jones, veteran leadership, and excellent coaching. Don't sleep on Texas A&M.

In the premier mid-major matchup of the weekend, the No. 15 **Southern Illinois Salukis** picked up a solid 68-65 road win over No. 12 **Butler**. In a game between two defense-minded teams — Southern Illinois entered the contest ranked third in the nation in defensive efficiency — the play of star point guard Jamaal Tatum was the difference for the Salukis.

The Bulldogs had no answer in the second half for Tatum, who sunk eight-of-11 free throw attempts. Butler has lost twice in its last three games and this loss, to the one upper-tier team on its schedule in a nationally televised game, could prove damaging to its hopes of securing a high seed.

In Pac-10 action, the No. 17 **Oregon Ducks** continued their swoon, getting blasted on the road by the **Stanford Cardinal** 88-69. The Ducks have lost six of their last eight and were swept in their Bay Area swing by the Cardinal and **Cal** for the seventh-consecutive year.

Ernie Kent's Oregon team plays a three-guard lineup that lives and dies with the three-point shot, as proven by the team's 8-of-27 clip from beyond the arc against Stanford. The Cardinal picked up its fifth win of the year against a ranked opponent and could clinch an NCAA Tournament berth with a pair of good road performances against No. 5 **UCLA** and No. 22 **USC** this weekend.



MCT

Florida junior Joakim Noah had plenty to cry about this weekend, as the Florida Gators suffered their first SEC loss this weekend, falling 83-70 to Vanderbilt Saturday. It was the first loss in over two months for the Gators, who now stand at 24-3 on the season.

As for UCLA, the Bruins bounced back nicely from their Feb. 10 road loss against **West Virginia** with an 81-66 storming of No. 24 **Arizona** on Saturday. Sophomore point guard Darren Collison led coach Ben Howland's Wildcats to the victory, notching 17 points, a career-high 15 assists, and lofty praise from Arizona coach Lute Olson, who called Collison the best point guard in America after the game.

No. 4 **UNC** grabbed the top spot in the ACC standings from No. 22 **Boston College** with a 77-72 victory in Chestnut Hill. Sophomore star Tyler Hansbrough led the Tar Heels with 17 points and seven boards, while the Eagles' Jared Dudley, who finished with 22 points, missed three free throws with 1:29 left that would have tied the game.

It is the fourth time this season that UNC has responded to a loss with a victory over a ranked opponent on the road, with the first three wins coming against **Tennessee**, **Clemson** and **Duke**. Boston College has now dropped its second-straight game and must hit the road to face **Virginia Tech**, which has already beaten UNC twice this season.

Meanwhile, **Vanderbilt** knocked off top-ranked **Florida** 83-70 Saturday, handing the Gators their first loss in SEC play and snapping their 17-game winning streak. Florida, who has trailed by double digits in four separate games this year before coming back to win, finally dug itself a deficit it could not overcome. Vanderbilt won by outshooting the nation's most accurate team from the field, hitting at better than a 57 percent clip, including nearly 48 percent on threes.

After the win, elated fans rushed the court, a violation of SEC rules that could result in a hefty fine for the school, as Florida became the fifth ranked opponent to fall to the unranked Commodores this season.

Jumbos expected better at Yale, look to coming year

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as Tufts once again recorded just one win — this time from freshman Stefanie Marx at No. 3, finishing the match with a score of 8-1. Marx secured the win in a four-set game 9-6, 9-5, 1-9, 9-6 against her Cavalier challenger Magee Quick. Once again Thys put out a tremendous effort, taking her Virginia opponent Sarah Bridgenhagen to four sets before falling 9-6, 9-4, 9-10, 9-2. Although Virginia's club squash program is only a few years old, the squad nonetheless out-dueled its Tufts opponent.

The team started the tournament on Friday against a relatively weak Vassar squad. But Tufts' opponent showed up to play. Underestimation of Vassar coupled with a lack of focus yielded the one-sided outcome.

"I don't think anyone went in [against Vassar] not playing their hardest, but maybe a different mindset would have helped, not thinking we already had the win."

Victoria Barba
Sophomore

"I don't think anyone went in not playing their hardest," sophomore Victoria Barba said. "But maybe a different mindset would have helped — not thinking we already had the win."

"I think that for Vassar, we weren't prepared mentally," Thys said.

Thys secured the team's only win, defeating Vassar senior Judy Jarvis at the No. 4 slot in a close four-set game, 9-6, 7-9, 9-7, 9-6, 9-7. Tufts junior Micela Leis fought admirably in a five-set game at No. 6, but Brewer senior Blair Komar overcame a two-set deficit to win 5-9, 1-9, 9-1, 9-1, 9-7.

Despite the lack of success, the team is using this weekend's outcomes as a jumping-off point for next season.

"There's no way to go back and change how we did this weekend," Barba said. "Our eight and nine positions just started playing squash. I think we need to train smarter next season. I do aspire for the team to do better next year."

EVANS CLINCHY | DIRTY WATER

What's wrong with the NBA?

On Sunday night, the 56th annual NBA All-Star Game was played in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Western Conference squad routed its rivals to the East, 153-132, behind 31 points from MVP Kobe Bryant.

Wait. Hold on just a second. Before I go any further, I would like you, dear reader, to ask yourself one question. And please, answer truthfully.

Do you care?

Statistically speaking, odds are that your answer is no. According to the Nielsen ratings, All-Star Game viewership has dropped every single year since the game switched from network television over to cable, moving from NBC to TNT after 2002. Last year, the game's rating hit a record low of 4.3, notching the league's showcase just a tad below your average airing of Wheel of Fortune.

This may come as hard to believe. After all, this is the NBA — if nothing else, the Association is marketable because of its star power. Kobe, LeBron, D-Wade, Carmelo ... these are the guys that make pro basketball what it is today. People pay to see the big names on the big stage, and so theoretically, Sunday night's game should have been one of the biggest nights of the year in sports.

But it wasn't. Not by a long shot. Not only were last year's NBA Finals games rated higher, but both conference final series were as well. Is it possible that America wants to see more than just 24 stars showing off? Is there perhaps a slight chance that what the people want is — God forbid — actual basketball?

Because that's not what we get when we tune in to watch the All-Star Game. What we do get is a glorified combination of three-point shootout and dunk contest. Seemingly every possession ends in one of two ways: either the "defenders" will stand there apathetically watching as Kobe, LeBron or Carmelo cruise to the hoop for an easy bucket, or, on a rare occasion when someone actually tries to play defense, one of the aforementioned ballhogs will heave up a three.

This isn't basketball. Basketball is a team sport — this is a lazy, sleazy, trashy display of individual performances. They should play this thing in Vegas every year; it doesn't belong anywhere else.

I'm thinking and hoping that we're entering a new era in the NBA. Rather than relying on the superstars to drive the league, the Association should return to focusing on team basketball. The league's best teams — Dallas, Phoenix, and Detroit to name a few — all buy into this principle. Even though Dirk Nowitzki, Steve Nash and Richard Hamilton are great players; they aren't ballhogs. They know how to make the players around them better, unlike certain other NBA stars (here's looking at you, Kobe).

The Suns, for example, share the ball better than any team in the league. They have the NBA's second-best record, and yet their leading scorer, Amare Stoudemire, is 23rd in the league in scoring. There's not a single Sun scoring 20 points per game, and yet Nash, comfortably rested in 27th with 19.3 points a contest, is the frontrunner to win yet another MVP.

So here's my point. It's fairly clear why the All-Star Game is a joke these days: it completely contradicts everything for which the modern NBA stands. Team basketball means nothing, and star power is everything. It's barely even a game anymore — it's a Vegas sideshow. I mean, come on, what kind of real NBA game is decided 153-132?

As hard as it is to believe in a country whose No. 1 show is American Idol, the general public just isn't as lowbrow as it once was. (Yes, I'm aware that I just alien-

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Evans Clinchy is a sophomore who has not yet declared a major.

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HOCKEY

Jumbos drop two games in final weekend, finish 6-18

BY ENRIQUE SAENZ
Contributing Writer

All bad things must come to an end.

After stumbling through a season characterized by inexperience and lack of depth, the hockey team can finally turn the page on a nightmarish 2006-07 year.

HOCKEY
(6-18, 3-16 NESCAC)
at Boston, Saturday

Tufts	1	1	1	---	3
UMass Boston	**0**	**1**	**3**	**---**	**4**

at Babson Park, Friday

Tufts	1	0	1	---	2
Babson	**2**	**2**	**3**	**---**	**7**

The Jumbos finished out the season with two road losses: a 4-3 defeat at the hands of UMass Boston Saturday, which came on the heels of a 7-2 loss at Babson the previous night. The Jumbos finished with a 6-18 overall record with a 3-16 NESCAC clip.

Hoping to halt a two-game skid and end the season on a high note, the Jumbos traveled cross-town on Saturday. Although the team capitalized on a series of UMass penalties and led 2-1 at the beginning of the third period, the Beacons came back fighting and scored three goals, including freshman Adam Larrabee's game-winner at the 14:48 mark.

"We came out flat," sophomore forward Joe Milo said. "We came to the game thinking this was going to be an easy win, but we didn't have what it took to win. We were surprised."

With the help of sophomore forward Jared Melillo, Jumbo senior co-captain Peter Corbett fought back and scored a goal at the beginning of the third period, which at first appeared to drive the nail in the Beacons' coffin.

The Tufts squad continued to battle until Beacon sophomore forward Rocco Dabecco found the weakness in the Jumbo armor in the second period and began an onslaught of assists, contributing to every goal scored by the Beacons and leading them to the 4-3 comeback win.

KATE FORTIN/TUFTS DAILY
Junior Greg O'Connell battles for the puck against Southern Maine freshman Pat Noonan during an 8-4 loss to the Huskies Feb. 10 in Malden, Mass. The Jumbos dropped their final two games this weekend against UMass-Boston and Babson to finish the season 3-16 in the NESCAC and 6-18 overall.

"We knew this game was going to be our last of the year, so we were down," Milo said. "But hopefully this time next year we see this game as the final one of the regular season and the one before we go to playoffs."

This year's Tufts team fell far short of playoff contention, finishing the season on a three-game losing skid and sliding into the basement of the NESCAC with a record of 3-16, the worst in the league. Milo attributed the streak to a negative team attitude, as the Jumbos' 2-10 start to the season killed their momentum the rest of the way.

"[Winning] is more about how you

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WOMEN'S SQUASH

Tufts mired by opponents at Howe Cup

Unfocused mindset was the source of squad's myriad difficulties

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The women's squash team headed to Yale this weekend for Howe Cup Championships, hoping to end a four-game losing streak and make some noise at the premier squash tournament of the season.

WOMEN'S SQUASH
(8-16)
Howe Cup
at New Haven, Conn., Sunday

Wellesley	3
Tufts	**6**

at New Haven, Conn., Saturday

Tufts	1
Vassar	**8**

at New Haven, Conn., Friday

Tufts	1
Virginia	**8**

Stiff competition, however, proved too much for the Jumbos, who extended their losing streak to six before notching a win in the tournament's final match. After losing to Vassar 8-1 on Friday and Virginia 8-1 on Saturday, the team turned it around and beat Wellesley 6-3 on Sunday. But the win provided little solace for the squad, which entered the weekend ranked No. 20 in the nation but dropped to No. 23 by the weekend's conclusion.

"I think everyone played well this weekend, but in the standings we were disappointed," senior co-captain Liz Thys said. "We should have at least been in the top 20."

The squad entered the Howe Cup with hopes of taking first place in the Walker Cup (C Division), which would have netted the Jumbos a No. 17 ranking. A win in Friday's first round match against No. 21 Vassar would have also sent the Jumbos to the winners' bracket, but the Brewers dominated Tufts, pushing the Jumbos into the losers' bracket for the remainder of the weekend.

In its last attempt to decrease the scope of the cloud hanging over the weekend, the Jumbos pulled out a victory against Wellesley on Sunday. Although the victory offered a bright spot in a weekend mired with tough losses, the win could not erase the six-game losing streak leading up to the match.

"We expected to win against Wellesley," Thys said. "[The win] was nice for players who had tough matches Friday and Saturday, but it wasn't an uplifting closure for us."

The successful games against Wellesley consisted exclusively of three-game sweeps, leaving the Jumbos with a decisive victory.

Tufts' second match of the tournament came Saturday against Virginia's women's club team. The Cavaliers were seeded last in the C division with a No. 24 ranking, moving down to the losers' bracket after a narrow 5-4 loss to No. 1 seeded William Smith. Tufts lost a 5-4 heartbreaker to the Heron's last weekend at the Cornell Round Robin.

William Smith finished as the champions of the C division, placing it at No. 17 nationally for the season.

The Jumbos' bout with the Cavaliers was quite an upset,

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Three Jumbos named to All-NESCAC swimming and diving team

The women's swimming and diving team added to its successful weekend at NESCACs, racking in three conference honors yesterday.

Three members of the squad were named to the 2006-07 All-NESCAC Team, a distinction given to the top three finishers in each event at this weekend's NESCAC Championships.

Junior diver Kendall Swett, senior tri-captain Chloe Young-Hyman and freshman diver Lindsay Gardel each earned the honor, a tribute to the Jumbos' strong individual performances at the weekend meet, which ended in the Jumbos placing fifth with 888.5 points behind Williams (1757), Amherst (1600.5), Middlebury (1553.5), and Conn. College (1044.5).

Swett earned Diver of the Meet after winning both the 1- and 3-meter dives and setting a new meet record in the 1-meter. She also came within six tenths of a point of tying the 3-meter record.

Gardel didn't have any rookie jitters at her first conference meet. She finished third in the 3-meter event Sunday with 440.10 points, and finished fourth in the 1-meter dive Friday, scoring 406.75 points and narrowly missing out on an All-NESCAC selection in that event.

The weekend was a record-breaking one for Young-Hyman, who shattered two Tufts marks en route to all-conference accolades. Her time of 30.09 in the 50-yard breaststroke broke her own record of 30.22 seconds from last season. Young-Hyman then swam the 100 breaststroke in 1:06.61 Saturday, setting a new school record and finishing third in NESCAC.

This season marks the first time since 2001-02 that three Jumbos were named to the all-conference team. Elsewhere around the league, Amherst junior Brittany Sasser, who holds the top times in the nation in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke, came away with Swimmer of the Meet honors for the first time in her career, while classmate Piper Pettersen was named Four-Year High Point Swimmer for sustained success over her career.

—by Evans Clinchy