

Man caught taking GPS unit from car, police say

After receiving reports of four similar thefts in the past two weeks, Tufts University Police Department (TUPD) officers arrested a man just after 4 p.m. yesterday while he was breaking into a car.

The man fit the description of a suspect who was recently spotted stealing a global positioning system (GPS) unit from a vehicle in Medford, TUPD Sgt. Robert McCarthy told the Daily.

An officer observed a man with a bicycle breaking into a car belonging to someone affiliated with Tufts. The car was parked on Colby Street in Medford, near the Science and Technology Center. The man was arrested for breaking and entering into the vehicle, and McCarthy said that it appeared that the suspect was attempting to steal the car's GPS unit.

The individual appeared to be in his 20s and was wearing a white t-shirt.

The arrest comes after a wave of GPS thefts over the past couple weeks. Since Sept. 17, TUPD has received four reports — all in Medford — of GPS units stolen from cars. In one case on Sept. 17, a system was taken from a car parked on the same street where yesterday's incident occurred.

The Medford Police Department has also recently received multiple reports of GPS thefts in the area. McCarthy said that Medford police had identified a young man riding a bicycle as a possible suspect.

After an officer yesterday saw someone fitting this description break into a vehicle, the suspect dropped his bicycle and fled onto nearby Harvard Street, where he was quickly apprehended by another TUPD officer.

TUPD transferred custody of the suspect to the Medford Police Department. He did not have any identification on him, and yesterday evening police were trying to determine his identity, McCarthy said.

McCarthy said that Medford police, who will be conducting an investigation, will likely have trouble pinning the man to other recent GPS thefts. It is possible that more than one person has been stealing the units, and thieves often resell such items quickly, sometimes on sites like Craigslist.com, according to McCarthy.

"Stuff like that is hard," he said. "If he's the one that stole all the GPS systems around here, I guarantee they're all sold by now."

— by Ben Gittleston

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Ambassador William Luers, speaking last night in Barnum Hall, emphasized the need for dialogue between the United States and Iran.

Luers decries Iran sanctions

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Ambassador William Luers spoke last night to a captivated audience on the necessity for engagement between the United States and Iran, offering recommendations on how President Barack Obama can best move forward as diplomacy with the Middle Eastern state continues to prove tense.

Luers took the main stage in

Barnum Hall for the event, attended by a mix of undergraduate and graduate students. He emphasized that it was imperative that the United States move away from the nuclear issue and focus instead on Iran as a country.

"The U.S. cannot persuade Iran to accept nuclear provisions" without direct diplomacy, Luers said. For "too long we [have] felt that military force

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Tufts alum Thompson vying for New York mayor's job

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COURTESY BILL THOMPSON FOR MAYOR

Tufts alum and Trustee Emeritus Bill Thompson is running for mayor of New York City.

This election season, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg faces a serious challenger for his job: Tufts alum Bill Thompson.

William Thompson, Jr. (LA '74), city comptroller for New York, is running for mayor of New York City in the upcoming November election. He is pitted against the incumbent Bloomberg in what has already

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Dean criticized for program's ties to interest groups

BY TESSA GELLERSON
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A new program headed by the dean of Tufts' nutrition school that grades the health value of food products has drawn severe criticism for its ties to members of the food industry and for endorsing what many experts call unhealthy eating choices.

Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy Dean Eileen Kennedy leads the Smart Choices program, which denotes approved foods with a green checkmark which appears on the foods' packages.

Criticism of the program has focused on its inclusion of a number of popular, sugary cereals, like Cocoa Krispies and Froot Loops.



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Michael Jacobson, who was originally on the panel that established Smart Choices' criteria, quit during the formulation process, after what he called excessive involvement from food industry representatives.

"It was paid for by industry and when industry put down its foot and said this is what we're doing, that was it, end of story," he told the New York Times in early September.

Other critics have railed against the food industry's direct involvement in the program. The program has nine board members, including one industry representative each from Kellogg's, General Mills, Kraft Foods and Unilever.

Kennedy responded that the academics on the board had as much say as industry representatives.

"All I can say is there are some mighty opinionated academics and health organizations that had equally strong points of view," she told the Daily. "No one was a cream puff in these debates."

The Smart Choices Program was launched in early August by the Keystone Center, a non-profit organization that facilitates discussion about prominent social, environmental and health issues.

Kennedy serves as president of the Smart Choices Board of Directors. "Ultimately, we're hoping we improve public health by [promoting] a better diet," Kennedy said.

But Mike Adams, editor of the online Natural News Network, has called the Smart Choices program a "marketing fraud."

"You'd have to be deeply misinformed about nutritional basics to think that a processed breakfast cereal made of 41% sugar, partially-hydrogenated oils and artificial coloring chemicals is a 'smart choice' for any child," Adams wrote in a Sept. 22 article for the Natural News Network, a non-profit information source that draws on Web sites covering health and environmental issues.

"A more appropriate label might be 'Diabetes Choices' or 'Obesity Choices,' but certainly not 'Smart Choices,'" Adams wrote. His office declined to comment for this article.

Tufts has requested that Smart Choices not list Kennedy's academic title as dean of the Friedman School on the program's

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Coach emphasizes accountability, but roils some

BY ETHAN LANDY
Daily Editorial Board

If you miss too many classes or don't do your homework, there are academic consequences for your actions. Now, members of the men's tennis team are dealing with similar realities due to a new rule system instituted by coach Doug Eng.

The team has added a policy that keeps track of misdemeanors such as missing practice, failing a conditioning test or using foul language. Each offense earns guilty players a certain number of points, and accruing 10 points may mean removal from the team.

"It was done to make the guys more accountable," Eng said. "I think a lot of teams actually have it. Professional teams have it. They just have it in terms of money — for example, if you do this

you are fined \$10,000 or \$50,000.

"Everyone has to be accountable," he continued. "If you don't show up for practice or miss a couple games, you are off the team."

Eng felt that in the past, the team had been too lenient in its enforcement of the basic rules that other teams follow. His goal in instituting these new criteria is to show his players that they must be committed to the team and the NCAA policies regarding Div. III tennis. He also wants to quantify the team's actions so that the coaching staff can keep tabs on how the players have been behaving.

"I have been really nice to them, and I think they know that," Eng said. "We [have] allow[ed] them to do things other coaches don't allow. So we are going to run it basically conventional this year.

"We used the first-class treatment,

but now they are being put in coach," he added.

Eng said larger penalties that are worth five points are given for missing a match or skipping as many as four practices in a two week span. In addition to the demerits that come with these actions, Eng said that the players' behavior will be reflected in their status in the lineup. Different spots on the ladder will be decided based not only on an individual's level of play, but also on his attitude.

"We have two scales — one is the ladder, the other is the penalty," Eng said. "If you are No. 1 on the team and only show up twice a week for two weeks, you are not really No.1 even if you are playing well because you are not earning it.

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Smart Choices food grading program defends its evaluations against critics

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Web site, Christine Fennelly, Tufts' director of public relations for the health sciences campuses, said in an e-mail to the Daily.

Kennedy works pro-bono in her position as president of the Smart Choices board. Fennelly stressed that the university is not affiliated with the program.

Kennedy defended Smart Choices in response to the barrage of criticism. "The program is about moving people in a direction of overall better purchases and then hopefully overall better diets," she said.

Kennedy said organizers of Smart Choices want to offer an improvement upon current methods of rating healthiness.

Prior to the program's inception, food companies used a variety of different labeling methods with no uniform classification system, according to Kennedy. Smart Choices based its criteria for grading food products on current scientific consensus, using, among others, the U.S. government's dietary guidelines, the Food and Drug Administration's

definition of healthy food and the World Health Organization's standard for added sugar, according to Kennedy.

A number of other organizations have also voiced criticism; www.change.org, a company that seeks to promote social change by disseminating information, sent Smart Choices board members, including Kennedy, a letter denouncing the program and urging their resignation from the board.

Kennedy said that the cereals the program has identified as "smart choices" have sugar contents within the World Health Organization's standards. She also emphasized the necessity of having children eat breakfast in general, noting that many would not eat the first meal of the day if cereals did not include a considerable amount of sugar.

"If you're trying to move children in the direction of better dietary patterns, one of the first things you do is make sure they have breakfast," she said.

Sai Krupa Das, a scientist with the Friedman School, said the program was valuable because it rec-

ognizes that processed foods are inevitable staples of the American diet and works to provide guidance for healthier choices within this framework.

"It is quite a useful program," she said. "We live in a world where packaged foods are a part of our daily life and consumption, and it's something we cannot escape."

Smart Choices is currently evaluating food products from 10 companies, according to Kennedy. Participating companies must pay an annual fee ranging from \$2,500 to \$100,000 to the Keystone Center. The money is used for the "verifying" process, in which food products are reviewed and studied to assess their nutritional quality, according to Kennedy.

Approximately 500 food products currently qualify for the program's designation, according to the Smart Choices Web site.

In addition to Tufts, the American Diabetes Association has also requested that its name be removed from the Smart Choices Web site and has denied any association with the program, according to Change.com.

Luers urges discussion between U.S. and Iran

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is the way to go."

The speaker urged the Obama administration to steer away from the "echo of the last eight years" and initiate a new perspective on diplomacy with Iran, whose relationship with the United States has been tenuous for decades and has become increasingly precarious in the past few years.

Luers' speech came after Obama on Friday called for an immediate inspection of a recently found uranium enrichment facility in Iran.

"Sanctions will not change behavior in Iran," Luers said, adding that Obama, flanked by British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and French President Nicolas Sarkozy, provided a "threatening posture" to the country.

The sole path to successful communication between the two countries, Luers said, is for the United States to create a "strategic relationship." Luers urged U.S. and Iranian leaders to initiate a dialogue first based on areas on which the two countries agree, like

climate change and drug trafficking, before they approach the nuclear issue.

Luers is a former president of the United Nations Association of the U.S.A. He has spent 31 years in the U.S. Foreign Service and previously served as ambassador to Czechoslovakia and Venezuela.

His lecture last night complemented a course he is teaching this semester through the Experimental College called "Talking with the Enemy." Luers plans to present a series of case studies in his class over the course of the semester to detail specific ways in which past presidents have engaged adversaries.

Director of the Institute for Global Leadership Sherman Teichman initiated the evening's event, introducing Luers and praising the extensive opportunities the university offers for students to explore the merits of diplomacy.

Teichman additionally highlighted the work of Wendy Luers, the wife of the ambassador, who was also in attendance. As part of her career working in international

organizations, Luers' wife was integral in the inception of the Project on Justice in Times of Transition, a Harvard University-affiliated program that promotes dialogue among war-torn countries in an effort to avoid conflict.

A question and answer session followed the lecture, with a graduate student from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy offering an Iranian perspective and touching upon the thirty years of "solidarity" felt by Iran during times of war when the United States refused to aid the country. The student questioned the likelihood of diplomacy, particularly when assent to U.S. policy by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad would lead to "social suicide" thanks to the anti-American sentiment in Iran.

Luers again cited the need for a firm, strategic relationship between the two countries to aid in the search for uranium and nuclear facilities.

Teichman was pleased with the turnout and told the Daily after the event that "quality not quantity" determines the success of a lecture of this sort.

New system announced for illness notification

BY HARRISON JACOBS
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Dean of Undergraduate Education James Glaser and Health Service Medical Director Margaret Higham on Monday announced a new system for students to report class absences due to short-term illness, encouraging them to avoid class settings in an effort to curb a potential flu outbreak this season.

In an e-mail addressed to the Tufts community, Glaser and Higham introduced the Illness Notification Form, which can now be found on Tufts' WebCenter. The form is designed for students who are anticipating an illness-related absence lasting several days or in a class in which attendance is monitored.

Students can e-mail the form to their professors to notify them of their absence, though Glaser stressed that faculty members are not required to accept it as an excuse.

"The Administration is asking faculty to think about their class attendance policy, but we don't dictate those policies," Glaser told the Daily. "We want faculty to figure out ways to make it work. This is just a vehicle for students to communicate with faculty about what's going on, but it doesn't represent a change in our policy."

Glaser said the university decided to implement the new system as a way to protect the student body from the H1N1 virus.

"Our interest is in keeping it from being a severe flu epidemic," he told the Daily. "By following certain practices ... hopefully we can keep it from spreading."

Higham stressed that the key to containing the virus is self-isolation upon the appearance of any flu-like symptoms. She added, though, that the form is aimed to be a "standardized" system for reporting illnesses in general, not just swine flu.

"I think that there has been a concern for a while that Tufts was looking for a better system that would promote more adult-type interaction with professors with respect to illness and more ownership of students in the process," Higham said.

The new system came about after several summer meetings between Health Service, the Office of Residential Life and Learning, Dining Services and Student Services to discuss ways the university could conform to the Center for Disease Control's H1N1

recommendations, Higham told the Daily.

Glaser emphasized that the new policy is subject to change from class to class and department to department. "It's going to be different in a lab course or a language course or a lecture course," he said. "But we want everyone to consider the fundamental principle that we don't want students going to class when they're ill."

Italian Senior Lecturer Patricia Di Silvio said that the new system is not considerably different from the one professors in her department are currently using.

"The instructors have been told not to require a dean's excuse, to accept something else: an e-mail or the form for the swine flu," she said.

Di Silvio said there had only been one case reported to the Italian department of a student sick with swine flu, and it was handled between the student and professor. Other cases are likely to follow suit. "The teacher and the student will have to work out how the work will be made up," she said. "When the student returns, she will pick up at the new pace of the class and make up the past work."

Three other faculty members interviewed within the romance languages department, which typically offers small classes in which regular attendance is expected, said they were not familiar with the new system.

The new form cannot be used as an excuse for missing an exam. If students are too ill to take an exam, they are required to obtain medical documentation prior to the exam.

Senior Ben Smith said that he would probably use the form if he experienced flu-like symptoms and believed that professors would honor the new system.

"I'm sure they're getting pressure from the administration," he said.

Senior John Heneghan said that he too would self-isolate if noticeably ill, but he added that students likely might not fill out the form given the amount of course material and work they would have to make up later.

"The problem with it is that it doesn't take into account all the work," he said. "It's tough to make that judgment call when you're worried about work and grades."

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Thompson faces steep battle against Bloomberg in race for NYC mayor

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become a spirited race.

In an interview with the Daily, Thompson affirmed his commitment to New York City and stated that his lifetime of experience living in New York is his greatest asset in the race.

"I'm a lifelong New Yorker," Thompson said. "The city has done so much for me ... I'm a product of its public schools. The understanding of what New Yorkers face every day prepares me to be mayor. We do need change, and I think I can bring a different direction to New York City."

A Brooklyn native and political science major at Tufts, Thompson was immersed in politics from an early age. His father, William Sr., was a New York senator and city councilor and later served on the state Supreme Court.

Thompson became the president of the New York City Board of Education in 1996 and served until 2001 when he ran for comptroller, the second-highest elected position in the city. Thompson has held that job ever since, overseeing the financial welfare of the city.

The former Jumbo has a formidable task ahead of him if he is to oust the popular Bloomberg from office.

Political Science Professor Kent Portney said Bloomberg's performance ratings are high, and Thompson will have to build a tough case to show voters that he is the better candidate.

"As is often the case with New York politics, there are class, race and ethnicity issues underneath everything," Portney said. "I think Thompson will see that his support base is very different than Bloomberg's support base, but the fact remains that Bloomberg is very popular and the polls show that he has a commanding lead."

Bloomberg is in his second four-year term as mayor. City law had limited mayors to two terms until the New York City Council last October voted to allow elected officials to serve three terms, under Bloomberg's prodding.

Thompson's experience with the fiscal dealings of the city as comptroller is important, but Portney said it will be inconsequential unless he can demonstrate that he has a better understanding of the financial aspects than

Bloomberg does.

"The real issue," Portney said, is if there is "any evidence that he has more of a grasp of fiscal and financial issues than the current mayor."

Portney noted that Bloomberg has local roots as well, having spent his childhood growing up in Medford.

Although Thompson has an extensive list of issues that he will advocate as mayor, his most pressing concern is the job market.

"Given the financial circumstances, the most important thing that stands before us is the job situation," he said. "The unemployment rate is over 10 percent. We must have an administration that diversifies jobs."

Thompson explained that as mayor he will continue the work he has done as comptroller to protect small businesses.

Another issue critical to Thompson is the lack of affordable housing, which he said discourages New York families from continuing to live in the city and makes it difficult for young professionals to work in New York.

Since his graduation in 1974, Thompson has remained involved in

the Tufts community. He served as a trustee from 2003 to 2008, and he is now a trustee emeritus as well as an active term member of the Tufts Alumni Council.

Many in the Tufts community expressed pride in Thompson's commitment to the university and his mayoral candidacy.

"Bill Thompson's involvement in his alma mater, as well as his service as comptroller of the city of New York, is notable," said Christine Sanni (LA '89), Director of Advancement Communications and Donor Relations.

"It is always gratifying to see alumni working in the public sector and living as an active citizen, which is the main focus of Tufts," Sanni said.

According to Thompson, the greatest benefit of his Tufts education was not the classes he took but the environment that fostered valuable life skills. "It is less about the professors I had and more about the experiences and preparing for later life," he said. "Tufts was more about learning and understanding yourself and how to focus, motivate and achieve."

Features

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Preventing crime, a single e-mail at a time

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First-year students attending Tufts may find the number of security alerts and tests already issued this year by the Department of Public Safety a bit shocking; but for upper-classmen, it is almost commonplace to receive e-mails about attacks and muggings near campus. Security alerts issued to students have seen an increase in the last five years but, contrary to what some students may believe, this increase does not represent an actual rise in campus crime.

Since 2004, crime rates at Tufts and in the areas surrounding campus have remained relatively constant.

"Over the past five years ... there hasn't been any significant trend up or down. It's been basically level," Geoff Bartlett, technical services manager in the Department of Public Safety, said of crime on campus.

Bartlett explained that, though crime rates on campus have not markedly risen, what has increased is the university's use of safety alerts on the Medford/ Somerville campus.

"In 2007, we started issuing a lot more safety alerts for crimes in the area around campus, and we're not required to do so," Bartlett said. "We are by federal law required to issue what's termed 'timely warning' for a certain list of incidents when they occur on specifically defined geography. But we've taken a little bit [of a] broader approach there, and any time an incident occurs which represents a serious or continuing threat to the Tufts community, even if it didn't happen immediately on campus ... we issue the safety alert."

Sociology Professor John Conklin, who specializes in criminology and has published several books on the topic, explained that an increase in security alerts may give students a false perception of actual campus crime.

"If the safety alerts now are more common there can be a perception of more crime without more crime occurring — it just gets more attention," Conklin said. "Giving attention to it can create a fear, and that's sort of the problem in alerting people. But I think the police make the decision — and I think it's the right one — that people are better off knowing."

Sophomore Laura Moreno's impression of crime on campus seems to support this theory. She noted that her perception of crime at Tufts has changed since she's been living on the Hill.

"I wasn't expecting that many crimes around these areas," Moreno said. "In the day I'll walk around alone. [But] at night I might not even go back to my dorm."

Outside reports may increase concern on campus. A recent article in the online publication *The Daily Beast* cited Tufts as the fourth most dangerous college in the country. The report, however, included crime statistics from the Boston campus and the areas surrounding both campuses. In 2007, there were no reported robberies or aggravated assaults that actually occurred on the Boston campus, but 22 robberies and 22 assaults were reported on the public property near campus.

According to Conklin, reporting crime statistics at colleges is particularly difficult



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The TUPD has taken a number of steps in recent years to combat crime on campus.

because the actual definition of a "campus crime" is unclear.

"Students who are victimized often are victimized off campus," Conklin said. "From the student's point of view, it's not really off campus because they've got an apartment a few blocks maybe from campus and they consider that all part of their university experience."

This became an issue in the 1980s when the area between Boston's Downtown Crossing and the Tufts medical school campus was a hotbed for prostitution and adult movie theatres. In 1983, a Tufts professor was convicted of murdering a prostitute that he had met in the area.

"That was something that was seen as a Tufts crime because he worked there, but the crime actually didn't occur anywhere near there; he lived in a suburb south of Boston but he met her because of that area being adjacent to where he worked," Conklin said.

Most of the crimes that are reported to the Tufts police that involve violence or a threat of violence occur off campus. While the Department of Public Safety is not obligated to issue safety alerts for many of these crimes, they hope that keeping students informed will help them stay safe in the future.

"We try to be as proactive as we can in our presentation of safety and security awareness programs," said Ronald Brevard, assistant director of the Department of Public Safety. "It really has to do with the awareness ... of what's going on not only on campus but around the campus as well."

In addition to safety alerts, Tufts takes a number of measures to aid in the prevention of crime. Brevard noted the campus blue light telephones, the police escort service and Operation Awareness presentations to first-year students as a few examples. The Tufts University Police Department (TUPD) also re-achieved accreditation in 2009 after meeting over 270 state standards, and much of the TUPD staff is involved in the university's Residential Community Policing (ResCop) Program, which gets police officers directly involved with particular dorms on campus to act as a liaison between

Residential Life and Public Safety.

Brevard feels that the university's efforts have paid off.

"Every three years, the Tufts Office of Institutional Research and Evaluation ... survey[s] students, staff and faculty on the Medford/ Somerville campus as to their perceptions of safety on campus," Brevard said. "The most recent one, conducted in 2008, revealed that more than 95 percent of the respondents felt safe or very safe on campus."

Still, Moreno said that she would feel safer if the Tufts police were able to patrol the areas surrounding campus more thoroughly.

"[I would like to see] campus police around the campus ... and outside of campus," she said.

Conklin noted that there are ways students can avoid being targeted, such as traveling in large groups, keeping to well-lit roads and staying alert.

"Sometimes people, I think, get a false sense of security with their cell phones," he said. "If somebody comes up to mug you and you've got a cell phone, you maybe can dial 911, but it's probably going to be too late."

Conklin emphasized certain techniques that may prevent injury if approached by a mugger, such as not fighting back against the assailant and avoiding eye contact.

"One thing I think people maybe aren't told is to not look at the offender in the face, because that could be perceived as a confrontation, an effort to memorize a face to identify them, and that could be threatening and that could escalate the level of violence," he said. "Now, the police might tell people the opposite. They might say, 'We need an identification if we're going to arrest this person,' so it kind of goes both ways. You might want to look at the person when they're going away from you or something like that."

Regardless of whether a proper description can be given, Conklin highlighted the importance of reporting crimes or attempted crimes when they do occur. Though the criminal may not necessarily be apprehended, knowledge of a crime's location and nature can greatly assist the police in future prevention efforts.

ROMY OLTUSKI | WORD UP

Jokers,
coffee
and poop



In the search for immortality, some of the most successful people have been those who have managed to live on through their names. Iconic talents and heroes lend their names to film genres, battlefields and schools of thought. Less talented people with lots of cash to spare lend their names to plaques and auditoriums. And then there are those who really aren't looking for fame or immortality at all but somehow make their way into the English dictionary.

Many common American names have been adopted as slang terms and phrases over the years, and some have even become accepted English nouns, verbs and adjectives. To jack is to steal, to joan is to insult, to jones is to crave. The list goes on.

But who are these people whose names we say all the time? Do these men and women even really exist?

Well, the lucky Joshes of the world actually owe the phrase "just joshin'" to a real namesake of theirs, famous for joking around, according to the most popular, albeit contested, etymology. While I hear the biblical Joshua was quite a funny guy, the word actually takes its meaning from the pseudonymous humorist Josh Billings (née Henry Wheeler Shaw) of the 19th century.

Another theory suggests that the Josh of josh is actually Josh Tatum, a Bostonian who, in 1883, figured out that nickels were around the same size as five-dollar gold pieces. He plated all of his nickels with gold to make the most of his money and was never successfully busted.

Random House disagrees with both of these stories, though, and posits instead that the phrase comes from a 19th century slang word "josh," meaning hick. Really, then, the Joshes were the victims of the jokes, not the jokers themselves. Just joshin'! No, but really.

As for the Joes, they don't seem to owe their name's popularity to any one real person in particular. In fact, the phrase "a cuppa joe" doesn't have any recorded, agreed upon, single etymology, but two relatively prevalent theories do exist.

The first suggests that "cuppa joe" is taken from the song "Old Black Joe" by Stephen Collins Foster, a famous musician, and that the black in his song's title was associated with coffee's color.

I agree. It's a bit of a stretch.

The second theory, based on the fact that the usage of the word "joe" as coffee was particularly common among Navy communities, argues that the word joe refers to an actual Joe — Josephus "Joe" Daniels, the WWI Secretary of the Navy who banned alcoholic beverages from Navy ships, thus popularizing coffee instead.

Or maybe it was simply derived from the words Java and Jamoche (Java+Mocha), if you want to be boring (and probably more accurate) about it.

The one I'm never sure about in terms of winning the immortality game is John, whoever he may be. The most common suggestion is that the word john, used to mean toilet, refers to Sir John Harrington, creator of the first modern toilet in the 1500s.

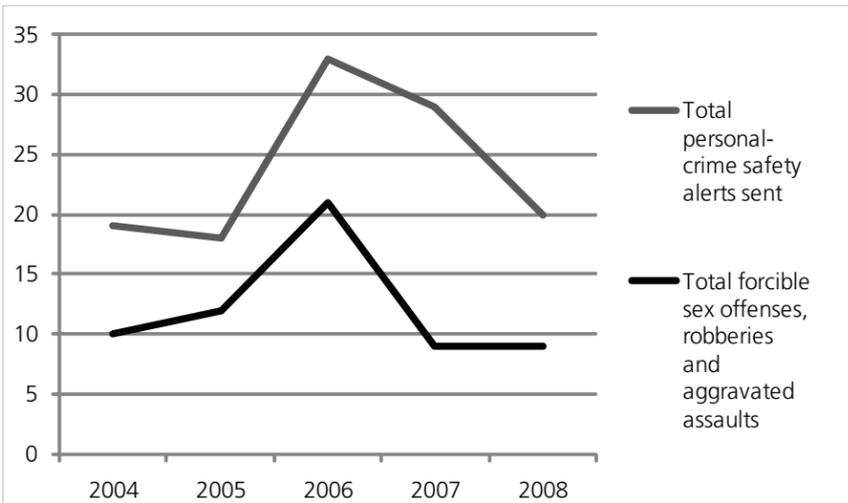
Of course, he has a buddy to share his ill fate with: Thomas Crapper, who is famous for significant contributions to shocker — the modern toilet as well.

Don't get me wrong, toilets are extremely useful, and I'm extremely thankful for both Harrington and Crapper's dirty work. I think I'd just still be more satisfied living on as a synonym for coffee than as a synonym for the can. Just joshin'! No, but really.

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Tufts crimes and emergency alerts

The amount of safety alerts has remained considerably higher than the number of forcible sex offenses, robberies and aggravated assaults committed in recent years. Geoff Bartlett, of the Department of Public Safety, said that Tufts is using safety alerts more now.



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FREEMAN DYSON

NUKES AND GENOMES: TWO GENIES OUT OF THE BOTTLE

*The twentieth century was the century of physics
and the twenty-first century
will be the century of biology.*

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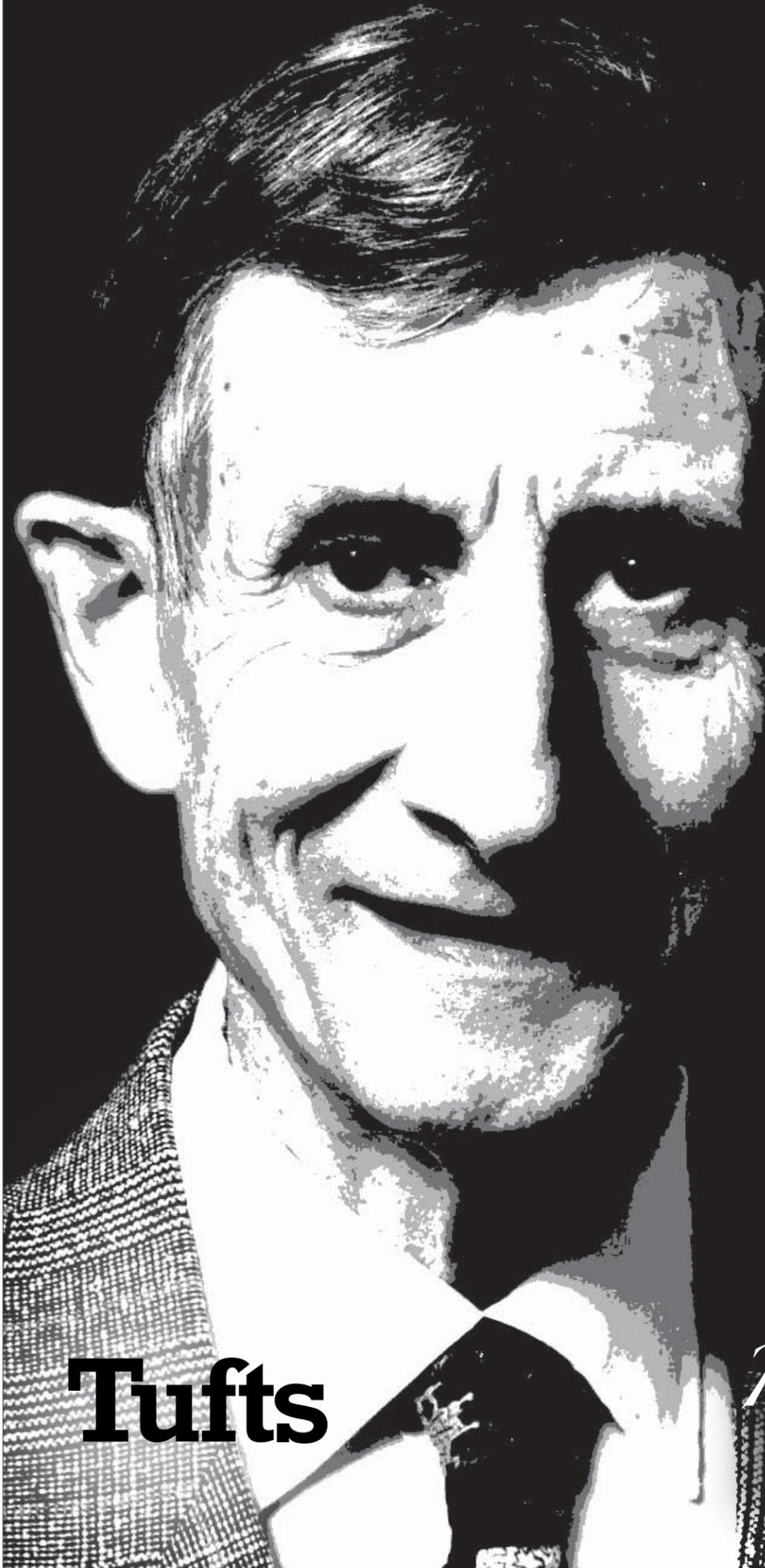
Freeman Dyson is professor emeritus of physics at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton. A graduate of Cambridge University with a B.A. in mathematics, he came to Cornell University as a graduate student in 1947. Among his most notable contributions to science was the unification of the three versions of quantum electrodynamics invented by Feynman, Schwinger, and Tomonaga. He subsequently worked on nuclear reactors, solid-state physics, ferromagnetism, astrophysics, and biology, looking for problems where elegant mathematics could be usefully applied.

Dyson has written a number of books about science for the general public, including *Disturbing the Universe* (1979), a portrait gallery of people he has known during his career as a scientist, *Weapons and Hope* (1984), a study of the ethical problems of war and peace, *Origins of Life* (1986), a study of one of the major unsolved problems of science, and *The Sun, the Genome and the Internet* (1999), an inquiry into whether modern technology could be used to narrow the gap between rich and poor. Dyson is a fellow of the American Physical Society, a member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, and a fellow of the Royal Society of London. In 2000 he was awarded the Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Surrogates' deserves a replacement

In new action flick, Plot holes are as numerous as duplicates

BY ZACHARY DRUCKER
Daily Staff Writer

Let's try a simple exercise: Rack your brain and try to remember watching "The Matrix" (1999) and "I, Robot" (2004). Now,

Surrogates



Starring **Bruce Willis, Radha Mitchell**
Directed by **Jonathan Mostow**



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Bruce Willis appears satisfied with his work in 'Surrogates,' but he shouldn't be.

slowly strip away all the riveting and aesthetic scenes of these two films and voila! You have basically seen Bruce Willis' latest film, "Surrogates."

"Surrogates" attempts to creatively critique society's reliance on technology but succumbs to numerous plot gaps and abysmal acting.

Director Jonathan Mostow's latest sci-fi thriller follows agents Greer (Bruce Willis) and Peters (Radha Mitchell), two detectives on the hunt for the murderer of two people and their "surrogates," manufactured by Virtual Self, Inc. (VSI). Based on the eponymous comic book series created by Robert Venditti and Brett Weldele, "Surrogates" takes place in a near future in which civilians ditch their unappealing, actual images for perfect, durable surrogate bodies. These surrogates, highly technological robots that humans can control with their minds,

allow people to sit at home and avoid the dangers of the everyday world.

Greer and Peters' search leads them to the discovery of a weapon that can kill surrogates and their operators by bypassing a failsafe system and literally "frying" human brains. Ditching his surrogate, Greer takes

to the streets as a "meatbag" to infiltrate the Dreads' society: a quarantined, autonomous city where humans who denounce the use of surrogates reside. Greer's search leads him to implicate The Prophet (Ving

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TV REVIEW



CBS.COM

The HIMYM team is back at MacLaren's.

Meet your Monday night entertainment for the Fall

HIMYM uses old tricks, but they still work

BY MITCHELL GELLER
Daily Editorial Board

From the get-go, "How I Met Your Mother" — or "HIMYM" ("him-yim"), as it's affectionately called

How I Met Your Mother



Starring **Josh Radnor, Jason Segel, Alyson Hannigan, Neil Patrick Harris**
Airs **Mondays at 8 p.m. on CBS**

by fans — didn't seem like it would be able to last more than a few episodes. Despite its thin plot device (a man tells his children the story of how he met their mother), the show has gained a sizeable viewership since its premiere in 2005. Now, as it returns for its fifth season, "HIMYM" is back to all of its old tricks.

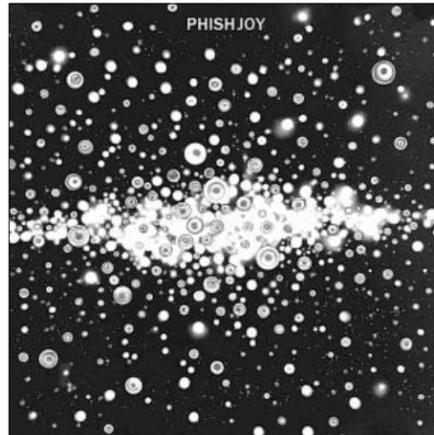
As has always been the case, the show is narrated from the year 2030 by Ted (2030 Ted is voiced by Bob Saget, current-day Ted is played by Josh Radnor). The first two episodes deal with — you guessed it — how Ted met his children's mother.

This season's premiere focuses on Ted's first day as an architecture teacher at Columbia University. As usual, the adventure begins after Ted and his best friends, Lily (Alyson Hannigan), Marshall (Jason Segel), Robin (Cobie Smulders) and Barney (Neil Patrick Harris) spend some time in their usual booth in their usual bar, MacLaren's.

It is not hard to pick up on the show's pattern. That's the problem with "HIMYM": It's completely set in its ways. All jokes tie in with jokes made in previous episodes in previous seasons. While the self-referential

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ALBUM REVIEW



PHISH.COM

Bubbles? Confetti? Whatever it is, it's bursting with 'Joy.'

Phans, rejoice!

Phish returns with 'Joy'ful LP

BY NICK GANG
Daily Staff Writer

Phish has played sold-out arenas and festivals for the better part of two decades, amassing legions of adoring

Joy

Phish



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fans who call their best live performances "miracles." After four years apart, the Vermont foursome is happier than ever to be playing its transformative music again.

Phish's return to the studio has yielded a rhythmically and stylistically diverse album with the kind of explorative ingenuity usually reserved for live concerts. Clever, catchy songwriting combined with Trey Anastasio's striking lead guitar work make this accessible to fans both new and old. While the album, "Joy,"

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CARYN HOROWITZ |
THE CULTURAL CULINARIAN



Great food at the G-20

From chili dog runs at Ben's Chili Bowl to the menu at the Inaugural Ball, I've waxed poetic about the food choices of our First Family too many times to count. A friend of mine who is well-versed in my First Foods fascination introduced me this summer to Obama Foodorama, an Obama-centered food blog that tracks everything from new policies in the Food and Drug Administration to what restaurants Michelle frequents. (My latest obsession is the Michelle Melt at Good Stuff Eatery in Washington, D.C. — a turkey burger with an herbed mayo inspired by the herbs grown in the White House Kitchen Garden.)

I usually have the same reaction to every new post. Michelle organized a farmers' market blocks from the White House and she actually shops there — that's fabulous! Barack spoke out about the lack of nutritional lunches available in public schools — way to take a stand!

The latest posts on Obama Foodorama focus on the food at The Pittsburgh Group of 20 Summit 2009. Since many view this event as the first time that the Obama Administration — particularly Michelle herself — is serving as an international host, the pressure to plan the perfect menus is on.

The two main venues of the G-20 summit, The David L. Lawrence Convention Center and the Phipps Conservatory, served organic and sustainable food at the event. They even used completely compostable cups and dishes. The opening reception held at the Conservatory featured organic produce, and the ingredients for the Spouses Dinner held at the Rosemont Farm came directly from the estate's farm.

After reading all of this, I had my usual feel-good First Foods reaction. The event planners used their food choices to show off why Pittsburgh is ranked as one of the greenest cities in the country. For example, all of the lettuce, eggplant and tomatoes served at the opening reception came from the rooftop garden at the Convention Center. Dominique Carnovale Metcalfe, the executive chef at the Center, worked closely with the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture to provide locally grown ingredients.

The event organizers didn't hire a celebrity chef to cook at the summit, but instead relied on the in-house catering staffs at the venues. At the request of British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, Jamie Oliver, aka The Naked Chef, cooked for The London Summit 2009 in April. To me, this felt like a big publicity stunt to prove that England does, in fact, have great chefs who can compete on the world cooking stage.

Despite my best efforts, however, there is one First Food choice at The Pittsburgh Summit 2009 that I can't get on board with: Michelle's spouse gift of honey, a honey vase and a china tea set. According to the White House press release about the gift, every detail of the vase and china pattern were carefully chosen to represent either Pittsburgh or Illinois, and the gold and purple color scheme are reminiscent of the china used by the Lincoln Administration. While it's very sentimental, the gift just seems sickeningly sweet.

Honey aside, the food at Pittsburgh reflects the point of summit meetings in the first place: people are there to work. Most of the meals were simple working lunches and quick grab-and-go breakfasts. The diplomats at the Hokkaido Tokyo Summit 2008, in comparison, ate an opening dinner with 19 dishes prepared by 50 chefs, a six-course lunch and an eight-course closing dinner, all while supposedly solving issues of world hunger.

Summits are large-scale, diplomatic events, but having large-scale menus as well seems counterintuitive. The food in Pittsburgh was meant to highlight the produce being served and the city it comes from, not to create a diplomatic food spectacle. It's another First Food choice that I can fully support — honey and all.

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Famous guitar noodling is central to new record

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cannot match the electricity of a live show, it comes closer than any of Phish's previous 13 studio albums, and this is its greatest victory.

The best tracks on "Joy" can accurately capture the positive energy of a Phish show. The song "Backwards Down the Number Line" has a celebratory feel, opening with the lines, "Happy, happy, oh my friends/ blow out the candles once again." Birthday party imagery courses through the song, a reference to both the band's reunion and the recent celebration of its 25th anniversary. An infectious, positive force seeps out of the song's spirit of retrospection and appreciation of fans. When the open section begins, the passion that each member feels for the music becomes audible.

In addition to positive energy, Phish shows are known for long and complex guitar solos. The song "Stealing Time from the Faulty Plan" features a stunning musical performance by Anastasio. The track is slow and bluesy, with a splashing, cymbal-driven beat. Piercing guitar licks surround the opening verses and spill over into an inspired solo section. Anastasio's trademark inflection and masterful use of complicated scales keep listeners hanging on every note.

The line "Got a blank space where my mind should be," echoes throughout the song. This may be a reference to Trey's intimacy with his instrument. The only mar on this song is that the jam seems to be cut short by the constraints



'Phish' is ready to dive back into collective musical exploits. MYSAPCE.COM/PHISH

of a studio album. These are four special musicians, and the 4:40 running time is clearly not enough to allow sufficient exploration.

Another noteworthy track is "Sugar Shack." This song combines a funk drum beat with occasional guitar assistance on upbeats. The syncopated-groove feel harkens back to Phish classics like "Bathub Gin" (1990) and "Golgi Apparatus" (1989). As the lead guitar enters before the chorus, the song shifts playfully through keys and time signatures. The drum's bell hits and comically happy guitar melody are reminiscent of a circus — another reminder to listeners of how much fun Phish has making music.

The idea of joy in music is an underlying theme of the

whole record. It is for this reason that "Joy" can recreate some of the magic felt in a live Phish show. The band understands how harmony between performer and audience can enhance a musical experience. The refrain of the title track decrees, "We want you to be happy/ 'cause this is your song too."

The closeness the band feels with the audience is mirrored in its music. It is impossible to hear a Phish studio album without comparing it to the emotions of a show, and "Joy" is the band's best attempt yet at reproducing those emotions. After 25 years together, the band members are doing what they love: beckoning "phans" to grab their hands and take a ride backwards down the numberline.

Fans of 'HIMYM' are sure to enjoy show's fifth season

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humor could bring the show down as it did in the horrifyingly short-lived "Arrested Development" (2003-2006), it never does so with "HIMYM" because narrator Ted always explains the references so as to not frighten away new viewers. In the end, what could be annoying becomes endearing, tying viewers to the show's characters through their history.

As far as the premiere's A-plot goes, Ted's first day is, as expected, eventful, but not in a good way. The B-plot focuses on Barney and Robin's budding relationship, and that's where the meat of the episode is — literally: Marshall uses bacon as a leveraging device to get what he wants from the couple.

Barney and Robin demonstrate how "HIMYM" both adheres to sitcom norms and uses them to break new ground. Barney, free spirit that he is, will, according to the show's logic, end up with that special someone who will make him happy for the rest of his life. Similarly, Robin must always date a member of the group. This brings writers to the obvious conclusion: a Robin/Barney romance.

This introduces serious issues for the show, breaking stereotypes and pigeonholes right and left. The same-old-same-old can get tiring, so this terrible relationship is actually terrible-cum-awe- ("wait for it," as Barney says) some!

The second episode of the season isn't as inventive as the first. Neither the A-plot (Ted goes on a blind date with a

girl he once had the same date with seven years previously) nor the B-plot (Barney and Marshall find a stripper dopelganger for Lily) capture the audience, and it's quite clear how the episode will end.

While this season is off to an uneven start, it's par for the course for "HIMYM." Overall, it is a great show with hilarious situations and characters that strictly adhere to and simultaneously shatter sitcom conventions, but sometimes it can be hard to get through an episode without feeling foolish. The show is an avid (and sometimes insipid) believer in true love. Some episodes find a balance between the love and the hilarity, but the constantly idealized romance can get grating.

Those who can suspend cynicism and wholeheartedly embrace love, romance, hope and happiness might for half an hour want to avoid "How I Met Your Mother." This should be obvious: The entire premise of the show is that the main character finds his soul mate and loves her so much that he feels he must narrate his entire early adult life to his children to prove his feelings. It can be dizzying, silly and surprisingly depressing.

But fret not. "How I Met Your Mother" is still one of the best shows that network television has to offer. Old and new fans alike will find something to love in the fifth season of "HIMYM," as they join the gang for their weekly zany adventures that are sure to continue throughout the season.

Willis strikes out in 'Surrogates'

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Rhames), the leader of the Dreads. But with most people donning an alternate identity, the murderer could be anyone.

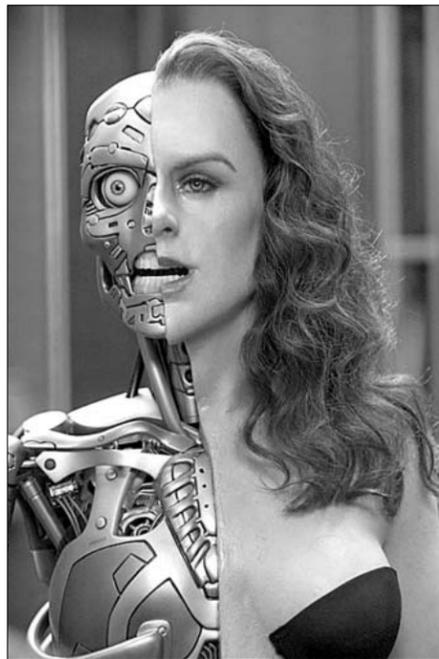
The film's plot is plagued by inexplicable holes that leave the audience members disoriented and confused. Plus, the idea of surrogates assumes that most human beings are acne-ridden hypochondriacs who would rather lie at home in pajamas than experience life firsthand.

The film also never confronts the reasons for VSI's dismissal of Dr. Lionel Canter (James Cromwell), the original creator of surrogates. (As a side note, James Cromwell essentially reprises the stale role of the robot inventor, Dr. Alfred Lanning, that he portrayed in "I, Robot.") Finally, the film openly contradicts itself: It defines surrogates as only responding to the DNA and neurotransmitters of their specific owners, but it then allows foreign human operators to occupy others' surrogates.

With a running time of only 88 minutes, "Surrogates" does not have nearly enough action to sate the thirsts of the average moviegoer. Aside from one scene in which a one-armed, gun-toting Greer surrogate chases after a meatbag suspect, the film is virtually devoid of explosions, crashes, combat and the like. Compound that lack of action with all-around substandard acting, and audience members will question whether the film is a lackluster thriller or a depressing comedy.

In his first film since 2003's "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines," Mostow fritters away a seemingly interesting plot and the promise of a comic book fan base by resorting to Hollywood clichés in a fatal effort to please audiences. His protagonist, Greer, mourns a dead son who was killed in the age before surrogates and has a depressed and distant wife who is overly attached to her surrogate.

Neither Willis nor Mitchell does Mostow any favors, as Willis proves unable to earn the audience's sympathy through a passionless, robotic performance that rivals the emotionless of the surrogates themselves.



Is she human? Does anyone care? ROTTENTOMATOES.COM

Not even Willis' sandy-blonde locks and "Benjamin Button" anti-aging cream can help him salvage his deteriorating acting skills. Similarly, Mitchell provides a forgettable portrayal as Willis' partner surrogate, which becomes occupied by several different human operators throughout the film.

Perhaps the most heinous crime committed by "Surrogates" is that it squanders the opportunity to exploit a dreadlocked Ving Rhames as The Prophet. In his first collaboration with Willis since "Pulp Fiction" (1994), Rhames is only featured in several scenes and is wholly underutilized. Despite several unexpected plot twists, the movie is hackneyed and uninspiring, falling well short of most preceding comic book adaptations. "Surrogates" leaves the movie industry aching for more innovative science-fiction thrillers like the recent "District 9" (2009) and makes viewers wonder how much longer Willis can be typecast as the macho, stoic action hero.

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An inside look at the
Boston Cycling Celebration
photos by Andrew Morgenthaler





The City of Boston hosted a series of bicycling events this weekend as part of Mayor Thomas Menino's plan for a more bicycle-friendly city. The Mayor's Cup Professional Criterium made its way through Government Center, with a series of races ranging from the kid's race at the start of the day to the professional men's race at the end. Famous cyclists, including olympians and national champions, participated in the races. Sunday showcased the fifth annual Hub On Wheels charity bike ride through the city, raising money for Technology Goes Home, a foundation that teaches children technology skills. Aside from the Menino-sponsored weekend activities, cyclists on Friday evening peddled through Copley Square as part of Critical Mass, pictured above, a monthly gathering of cyclists who ride through the Boston area in protest of over-crowded and polluted roadways.



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EDITORIAL

Rescind insurance companies' blank check

On Tuesday, those members of our government who are truly passionate about reforming the country's health care system suffered yet another major setback in their attempts to pass the bill proposed in early August. Moderate Democrats and Republicans came together in vetoing an amendment to the bill called "The Community Choice Plan," which provided for a so-called public option. This plan would have allowed people to buy health care funded by the government rather than from private companies. The plan also would have instituted a standardized "coverage label" for all health insurance plans, a label that would clearly spell out plans' terms and costs.

Those supporting the veto claim the public option would "ultimately force private insurers out of business," as Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) said, according to the New York Times. Supporters believe it would help provide affordable health care to over 30 million uninsured Americans while making all types coverage plans more transparent.

What opponents of the public option amendment fail to see is the virtue and importance of its ability to regulate private health care companies that keep hiking up the costs of health care and exploiting the

American people's needs. Right now, private companies operate with hardly any oversight; they have the power to raise costs and cut benefits without any consequences, and — thanks to the decades-old McCarran-Ferguson Act — are exempt from anti-trust laws. They take advantage of customers through confusing coverage plans and complicated pricing systems. In a practice known as rescission, companies drop thousands of gravely ill customers from their rolls each year, citing obscure rationales such as the fact that someone did not indicate a minor, unrelated medical condition when signing up for insurance.

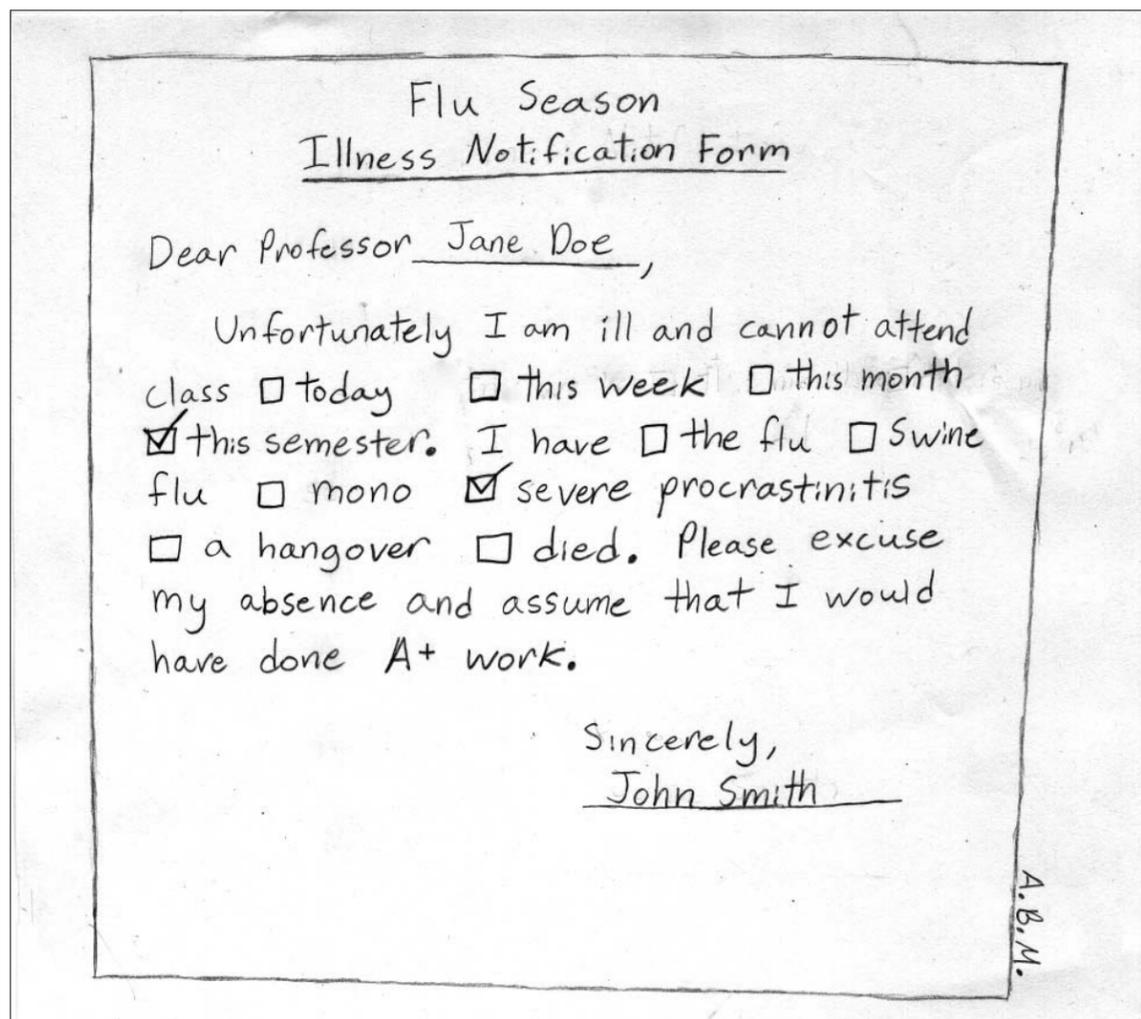
Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-W.Va.), who proposed the public option amendment, stated the obvious when he said, "We can't count on insurance companies. They are just maximizing their profits." Private health care companies are concerned with making money, not with the American populace. The public option would force the private companies to reform their practices or risk losing all of their business to the government. Though the public option plan might not completely halt the strikingly fast rise in health care costs, it would hold private companies accountable.

In early September, President Barack

Obama fully backed the public option, but it is now increasingly clear that he will not be willing to fight uncompromisingly for it. Rockefeller's amendment, or something very similar, is absolutely integral to a serious health care overhaul. Obama promised during his campaign that he would carry out a deep and comprehensive reform of health care. If he allows the bill to pass without a public option, he will not only let down his voters but also permit companies to continue cheating customers out of affordable, quality health care.

The only way to effectively improve the system is for the government to increase the transparency of private companies and control prices — be it through the insertion of an economic actor like a public option into the so-called free market or through strict regulation. If the government constructs a health care plan that is straightforward and affordable, the private companies will have to follow suit. The public option would provide the American public with a safe health care choice to protect them from unscrupulous providers. Without the public option, however, any reform bill will be just another unsuccessful attempt at reforming a desperately ailing system.

ALEX MILLER



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in response to the Sept. 29 article "This is your brain on drugs: Not so bad after all?" If health outcomes determined drug laws instead of cultural norms, marijuana would be legal. Unlike alcohol, marijuana has never been shown to cause an overdose death, nor does it share the addictive properties of tobacco. Marijuana can be harmful if abused, but jail cells are inappropriate as health interventions

and ineffective as deterrents.

The first marijuana laws were enacted in response to Mexican immigration during the early 1900s despite opposition from the American Medical Association. Dire warnings that marijuana inspires homicidal rages have been counterproductive at best. White Americans did not even begin to smoke pot until a soon-to-be entrenched federal bureaucracy began funding reefer madness propaganda.

Marijuana prohibition has failed miserably as a deterrent. The United

States has higher rates of marijuana use than the Netherlands, where marijuana is legally available to adults over 18. Students who want to help end the intergenerational culture war otherwise known as the war on some drugs should contact Students for Sensible Drug Policy at www.SchoolsNotPrisons.com.

Sincerely,
Robert Sharpe, MPA
Policy Analyst
Common Sense for Drug Policy

Correction

Tuesday's article "Jumbos donate blood to Red Cross" incorrectly stated that nearly 130 individuals donated blood on Monday. In fact, approximately 75 donated blood that day, and 130 people volunteered in the LCS blood drive.

OFF THE HILL | UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Obama to decide fate of Afghan war

BY MATTHEW CHRIST
Independent Florida Alligator

Former Secretary of State and retired four-star Gen. Colin Powell met with President Barack Obama in the Oval Office in mid-September to discuss the looming question of what to do about Afghanistan. While no one can be certain of what the two discussed, questions from the so-called Powell Doctrine probably floated around the room.

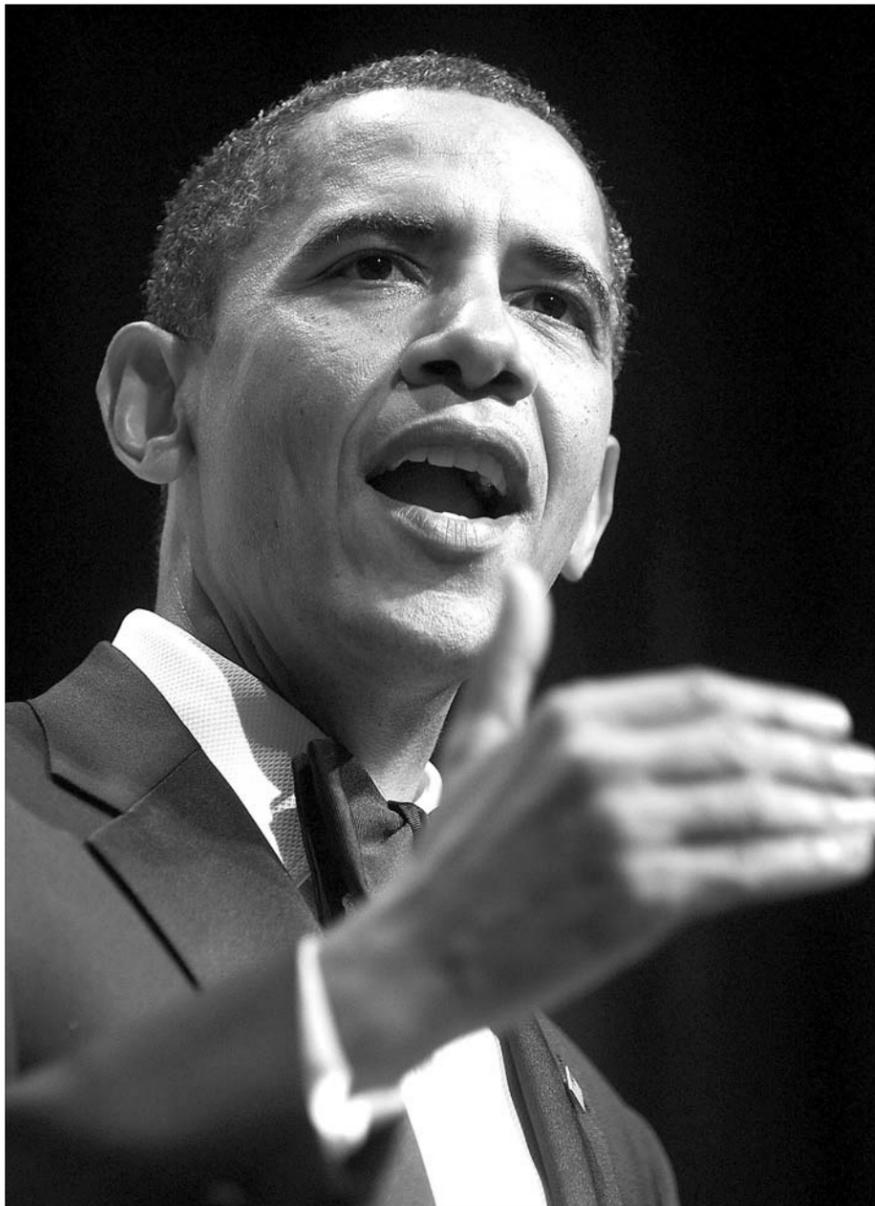
The Powell Doctrine is a series of questions that must be answered affirmatively before taking any massive military action against another country. Like most sane people, Powell believed questions such as “Do we have a viable exit strategy?” and “Does the country actually pose a threat to the United States?” were important when considering whether or not to go to war. As chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1990, Powell made sure these questions were answered affirmatively in the run-up to the Gulf War (a successful war). Unfortunately, these questions were seemingly not considered in the run-up to the Iraq War in 2003 (a failed war).

Yet these questions have never really applied to Afghanistan. The Afghanistan war, after all, was always deemed the “good war,” the war that was the child of necessity, as compared to the Iraq war, a war that was the illegitimate child of the Bush administration’s White House and Department of Defense.

Al-Qaida attacked us at home, so we turned around and attacked them at home, driving both them and the Taliban out of their Afghan safe haven and away from the seat of power. Then, for whichever reason history will ultimately record, we turned our sights to Iraq.

What happened in Afghanistan when we turned our attention away? For one, the Taliban has come back with a vengeance and a thirst for control of Kabul. Al-Qaida has popped back up along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border and has set its sights on Islamabad. Finally, our efforts in establishing a successful democratic government in the country have been doubted with the recent presidential election fraud, most likely perpetrated by Hamid Karzai, the U.S.-friendly president.

Obama, in the midst of an incredible debate about what role the federal government should play in its citizens’ lives, now wants to focus the national attention on the Afghanistan war front,



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and whether or not to adopt Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal’s recommendation to send an additional 40,000 troops to the perilous region.

McChrystal’s route isn’t the only option for Obama’s consideration. Vice President Joe Biden has also offered up a strategy to scale back the U.S. troop presence in Afghanistan and focus more on clearing out the al-Qaida horde there as well as in Pakistan by using teams of elite special forces.

This week, Obama will face his most important decision yet as commander in chief. If he decides to follow McChrystal’s recommendation,

Obama will signal to the world that he intends to follow former President George W. Bush’s precept of rooting out all evildoers from the world, a grossly unrealistic and dangerous approach to foreign policy that could lead us from the deserts of Somalia to the lush valleys of North Korea to every other despot’s cave.

If he decides to follow Biden’s recommendation, Obama will signal to the world a return to a U.S. pragmatism that focuses on those who do us harm, rather than the list of those who wish to do us harm.

For that is a list a mile long with a steep body count as its footnote.

TEDDY MINCH | OFF MIC

Restoring fairness unfairly



Peruse the official Web site of the Obama administration and you will find an impressive array of President Obama’s position statements. Each policy area includes a sub-section entitled “Guiding Principles,” an effort by the Obama administration to help explain when, why and how he came to these positions. On most pages, the Guiding Principles section is rather artfully constructed and contains at least a modicum of thoughtful analysis based on objective reality. The major exception to this rule is found in the section detailing one issue for which Obama received criticism during the 2008 elections, and one which has received less and less attention over the passing months: the Obama tax plan.

The White House Web site plainly states the following information under the Guiding Principles section, beneath a subtitle that reads auspiciously, “Restoring Fairness:” “For too long, the U.S. tax code has benefited the wealthy and well-connected at the expense of the vast majority of Americans. President [Obama] aims to restore fairness to the tax system by providing the Making Work Pay tax cut to 95 percent of working families while closing loopholes that prevent wealthy companies and individuals from paying a fair share.” That sounds like a very noble cause taken up by the administration, and an honorable, patriotic issue to pursue — if it were actually true.

Research at RealClearMarkets.com — the financial sister site of the nonpartisan, independent RealClearPolitics.com — indicates that in 2005, the top five percent of income earners in the United States accounted for 60 percent of total U.S. income tax revenue. While the latter percentage has been increasing steadily each year since the Carter administration, the middle class now accounts for only 11 percent of tax revenue — down 50 percent since the days of Jimmy Carter’s cardigans. This tax code does not particularly strike me as one that benefits the wealthy and well-connected. The five percent who will see their taxes rise are forecast to account for a whopping 70 percent of U.S. income tax revenue; the middle class is expected to account for less than 10 percent.

But the Obama administration is not just taxing the high-earners more. As the White House Web site states, “70 percent of the tax benefits goes to the middle 60 percent of American workers.” Plugging the numbers into the Obama tax plan, 70 percent of total U.S. income tax revenue — of which 70 percent is forecast to be paid by five percent of Americans following a tax raise — will subsidize the tax cut received by the 60 percent of Americans paying less than 10 percent.

This is not partisan analysis, nor is it any sort of politically motivated smearing of Obama’s tax policy; this analysis comes simply from taking the pre-existing financial reality of the United States and applying it to Obama’s clearly stated tax plan. Cries of socialism are divisive. Pegging Obama as an advocate of redistributing America’s wealth isn’t particularly useful, either. Obama isn’t evil. But he is mistaken.

It would be best to qualify Obama’s tax plan as highly dangerous, potentially toxic to U.S. economic recovery — stymieing growth potential from the top — and completely against the principles of free-market enterprise and capitalism upon which this country was founded. It eliminates incentives for those in the top bracket to invest or even calculatedly risk capital — a potentially fatal blow to hopes for a speedy economic recovery. Ultimately, the goal of “Restoring Fairness” is most certainly not achieved through this tax hike on the high-earning. Rather, Obama is further reinforcing the unfairness of a system that was already inequitable to the country’s highest earners — a crusade that ensures “fairness” to the middle class by compelling those who already shoulder the majority of the national tax burden to take on even more of the load. That’s not fairness. That’s not even reality. That’s just irrational.

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G20 marks the descent of U.S. supremacy

BY CHRISTOPHER LONG
Daily O’Collegian

If you have seen the news lately, you have heard a lot about the recent G20 summit in Pittsburgh. Why is this recent meeting of the G20 so important?

Historically, the G7 and G8, [conferences of] the seven and eight most powerful economies, respectively, have been the premier gatherings of economic powers and have had the most say in how to manage the global economic arena.

However, the latest meeting of the G20 has revealed it will take their place as the major gathering of countries regarding global economic policies.

Globalization has finally hit us full-force.

No longer will a select few Western economies dominate discussions on the global economy and how it is run. Rising economic powers, such as India and China, will be an integral part in the discussions on how the world will overcome the recession and how

to make certain we do not fall prey to the same mistakes that led us into this situation.

As Thomas Friedman explains in his book, “The World is Flat,” we face a global economic playing field that is flattening at an alarming rate.

Countries like India can compete toe-to-toe with global powerhouses like the United States. At last, international organizations are beginning to recognize this transition of power.

Since critics largely blame the United States’ economic policies for the global recession, other world countries are calling for an end to global reliance on the dollar as the global currency and no longer see the United States as an economic leader to rely on so heavily.

What this means for the United States is that it can no longer simply rely on its economic clout to keep it on top. It must become more innovative and creative than ever if it hopes to stay on top as the chief economic power in this world of globalization.

A fire has been lit under us, and we must rise to the challenge.

As we enter the workforce, we will compete not only against other Americans but also against individuals and companies abroad. We must be more efficient, work harder and continue our pioneering spirit that has taken our country so far in the past.

America has often persevered under duress, and there is no reason why we can’t come out of this situation stronger than ever before.

As one observes what Ford has done to turn around its company by rethinking their line of vehicles, it is easy to see how America can continue to compete in the world economy if we just continue to evolve.

Ford didn’t accept bailout money like many other auto companies. It just stuck to the spirit of innovation that made it great so many years ago.

If all companies can follow Ford’s example and Americans can continue to change with the economic tides, as I am confident we will, we can certainly reverse the descent of U.S. economic supremacy and ensure we remain an elite economic power.

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INSIDE THE NFL



Kansas City coach Todd Haley has seen his team open to an 0-3 start after abruptly firing offensive coordinator Chan Gailey late in the preseason. The Chiefs currently rank 30th in the NFL in yards per game and 24th in points per game.

Premature firings of offensive coordinators have not paid off for Chiefs, Bucs and Bills

BY ZACH GROEN
Senior Staff Writer

The word is out: If you are an offensive coordinator, your job is not safe. In the weeks prior to the start of the 2009 regular season, three separate teams fired their offensive coordinators. With the first three games of the year now in the books, Todd Haley, Dick Jauron and Raheem Morris might be rethinking their preseason decisions.

Haley, the first-year head coach of the **Kansas City Chiefs**, fired offensive coordinator Chan Gailey after just three preseason games, with Haley taking over control of his team's offense. At first glance, the move might have made sense: Gailey was a vestige of Herm Edwards' old regime, and Haley has had considerable experience calling plays, serving as the coordinator for the high-octane **Arizona Cardinals'** offense last season. In his two years with the team, Haley capitalized on Arizona's talented passing game, and as a result wideouts Anquan Boldin, Steve Breaston and Larry Fitzgerald all recorded over 1,000 yards receiving for the NFC champion Cardinals.

So far, however, Haley has not replicated his success in Kansas City. The Chiefs have started off 0-3, and their offense currently ranks 30th in yards per game and 24th in points per game.

Then there is Morris, the first-year head coach of the **Tampa Bay Buccaneers**. During the offseason, Morris made the decision to hire former Boston College coach Jeff Jagodzinski as his offensive coordinator. But Jagodzinski was abruptly let go just 10 days before the start of the season, and the offense has subsequently

sputtered. Though the Buccaneers managed to post at least 20 points in the first two weeks of the season, they turned in an abysmal performance against the **New York Giants** on Sunday, getting thoroughly dominated in a 24-0 rout. Tampa Bay was held without a first down until late in the third quarter and managed only 86 total yards on 36 plays from scrimmage — or about 2.4 yards per play.

Starting quarterback Byron Leftwich finished the game with putrid numbers — 7-of-16 for 22 yards and one interception — and was pulled in the fourth quarter in favor of second-year pro Josh Johnson. The next day, Morris decided he had seen enough of Leftwich and promoted Johnson to the starting quarterback spot. Leftwich is not the only one to blame for the Bucs' offensive ineptitude against the G-Men, though, as Tampa Bay's running attack could only muster 2.8 yards per carry against New York — perhaps a sign of more significant offensive issues.

Heading north, the **Buffalo Bills** were the last team that made a rather stunning personnel change on offense prior to the start of the season, canning offensive coordinator Turk Schonert one day after their final preseason game. The 1-2 Bills would have a winning record right now had they not collapsed down the stretch in their season opener against the **New England Patriots**, so they are perhaps in better shape than the Chiefs or Bucs.

But on Sunday, the unthinkable happened: Newly acquired receiver Terrell Owens, whom Buffalo signed to a one-year contract this past offseason, was held without a catch for the first time in 185 games in the team's 27-7 loss to the New

Orleans Saints. Buffalo has been the best of the three teams that decided to prematurely fire their offensive coordinators, but when Lee Evans and Owens combine for a mere four receptions and 31 yards against a mediocre Saints defense, something is clearly not clicking.

These three teams have combined for an aggregate record of 1-8 through the first three weeks of the regular season, making it easy to second-guess the decisions they made regarding their offensive coordinators. Apparently, there is not much that can be gained by firing an important member of a coaching staff early on in the season.

And that brings us to Daniel Snyder and his **Washington Redskins**.

The Redskins are currently 1-2 and are coming off a miserable 19-14 loss to the **Detroit Lions**, a team that had not won a game since the 2007 season. Even Washington's lone win this year was unimpressive, as it could only manage a 9-7 victory over the 0-3 **St. Louis Rams**.

The Redskins' lackluster start to the season has sparked rumors around the NFL that Snyder, the team's owner, is getting fed up with second-year head coach Jim Zorn. It is clear that Zorn is already on the hot seat, and there is speculation that the often impatient and irrational Snyder may give him the boot sooner rather than later and bring in one of the many big names waiting in the wings, such as Bill Cowher, Jon Gruden or Mike Shanahan.

Firing Zorn before season's end would be yet another puzzling move in the NFL coaching carousel. But if coaches around the league have learned anything so far in 2009, they should be looking over their shoulders week in and week out.

ETHAN LANDY | CALL ME JUNIOR



Who's Number One?

When I saw last week that Brandt Andersen, owner of the Utah Flash of the NBA Developmental League, wanted to see Jordan battle Russell one-on-one, three successive thoughts popped into my head.

Michael Jordan versus Bill Russell? Amazing.

Oh, Bryon Russell. Jordan would destroy him easily. No contest.

Wait a second. You stole my idea, Brandt!

Earlier this summer, I, along with my older brother and a friend of mine, had the crazy idea that NBA commissioner David Stern's new goal should be to enact a seeded, 24-man, one-on-one tournament with the best players in the league. Each round would have a sliding scale of prize money, with half going to the player and the other going to a charity of his choice.

Why couldn't this work? Wouldn't the likes of Kobe Bryant and LeBron James want to prove once and for all that they are the best players in the world?

Most NBA players are ultra-competitive anyway. It is a well-known secret that many gamble on cards, dice and even post-practice shooting exhibitions. So if these guys can't even take a short plane ride without competing with each other, why wouldn't they want to do so on the court? There they would be particularly competitive, as many of them would be fueled by the fact that they were ranked behind player X in the team's rotation.

Also, imagine the revenue that this could generate for the league. Just think of the TV contracts and endorsements — something like the Nike Swoosh Game Point or the Gatorade "That's G" replay — that a tournament like this would bring in. If Pay-Per-View can get one million viewers to watch Floyd Mayweather beat up a guy who drinks his own urine, think about how many people they would have watching Kobe vs. LeBron.

You could scrap all the All-Star weekend events and just throw this in. I mean, not even H-O-R-S-E could save last year's festivities. That event was more disappointing than this year's New York Mets and Chicago Cubs combined. And don't get me started on the Shooting Stars or Skills Challenge events. The only redeeming quality of either event is seeing just how ridiculous Bill Laimbeer can look when he tries to make a half-court shot.

I'll admit that this concept is a little far-fetched, but it shouldn't be. Most people claim that the NBA is a league dominated by the individual anyway. And, more so than any other sport, basketball is about star power. Do you think Jordan would be a brand unto himself if he had played baseball? If players want the limelight, this is an opportunity for them to grab it.

Let's keep the hypothetical train rolling and say that this genius idea comes to fruition. Is there any doubt that you would tune in to see a battle between two of the league's most underrated stars: Danny Granger and Brandon Roy? What about the King of Flop himself, Manu Ginobili, trying to out-craft Paul Pierce? And I haven't even mentioned the names Wade, Anthony or Durant yet. And speaking of the Oklahoma City Thunder forward, he would be my dark horse pick to win it all, and that is only partially based on my bias against Kobe and LeBron.

With apologies to Andersen, I'm not really enthralled by the unrealistic possibility of Jordan vs. Russell II. We saw how that played out in Game 6 of the 1998 Finals, and there is no reason for me to think things would change. But if you want to throw your financial backing behind an even grander idea, I'll be happy to organize it. In fact, I've already got my list of 24 ready.

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WEEKLY MUMBO JUMBO

"I know everyone on the offense took the loss personally and can't wait for a chance for redemption. I view it as a shot to our pride and expect us to come out Saturday with a vengeance and new attitude."

— Senior quarterback
Tom McManama
Sept. 28, 2009

The Tufts football team's offense sputtered in its season-opening, 7-3 loss at Wesleyan last weekend. Though the Jumbos compiled more yards than the Cardinals, they missed two field goal attempts and could only score on their first possession. Tufts is hoping to show a significant amount of improvement when it visits Lewiston, Maine on Saturday to take on Bates.

SAILING

Young guns excel in home regatta

BY PHILIP DEAR
Daily Editorial Board

Sometimes having everything going for you — being the home team, having the fastest boat on the water and boasting the best boat-handling skills — does not translate into victories. The Tufts sailing team had a first-hand encounter with this paradox at the Hood Trophy regatta this past weekend.

The nationally ranked No. 14 Jumbos, looking to defend their home waters while sailing in their unique Lark boats, were unable to win the regatta, coming in third place at the large intersectional that contained 24 of the nation's top teams. The finish was one spot better than last year's showing at their home event.

Sophomore Massimo Soriano, who skippered the A division for the Jumbos, thought the team would have a good chance to win at home, but he also was aware of the exceptionally high level of competition in only his second intersectional as the A division skipper.

"I knew we would have an advantage on our lake and in our boats, but frankly I had no idea to what extent that would manifest itself," Soriano said. "Really good sailors aren't going to need too long to figure out how to sail an awesome boat like the Lark.

"As a team, we often say that sailing on the lake doesn't necessarily give us 'local knowledge;' that is to say, an exact formula for where to go each race," he continued. "What sailing on Mystic Lake does provide us with is a mindset to expect the unexpected and an additional degree of



COURTESY KEN LEGLER

The performance of senior tri-captains Andrew Criezis and Jennifer Watkins in the B Division on Sunday at the Hood Trophy regatta helped Tufts to a third place finish out of 24 competitors.

patience."

The Jumbos finished on Sunday with 146 points in 20 races combined between the A and B divisions, a mere two points behind the second-lace Salve Regina Seahawks. In fact, the Jumbos had the lead over Salve Regina heading into the final race, but they were unable to hold off a late charge from the Seahawks that

included first-, second- and fourth-place finishes in the final four races.

"On the second day, I didn't start as well as I had on the first day and found myself battling it out mid-fleet because of that," Soriano said. "We were fast downwind but never really were able to break into the top five. I found myself taking some unnecessary risks and sometimes trying to pass five

boats rather than working one at a time."

Soriano sailed with fellow sophomore Emily Shaw as crew. In fact, on Saturday, all four of Tufts' sailors were sophomores. The B division boat was skippered by sophomore Nicolas Russo-Larsson, who was accompanied by classmate Jordana

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INSIDE THE NESCAC



COURTESY JONATHAN LESTER

Brandon Ward is one of seven seniors on the Trinity men's soccer team who have seen the program rise from a NESCAC cellar dweller in 2006 to the top of the league standings in 2009.

Trinity men's soccer team slowly climbs from worst to first in NESCAC

BY SAM O'REILLY
Contributing Writer

In 2006, the Trinity men's soccer team managed just a 1-8-0 NESCAC record — with six of those losses coming via shutout — and finished tied for last place

in the conference. At that time, the current crop of seniors was in its first season in Hartford, Conn.

"I remember playing Williams freshman year and feeling like there was just a big gap," said senior tri-captain John Graves, referring to Trinity's 2006 3-0 set-

back to the eventual-league champion Ephs. "I think a lot of it was not being able to score goals. We were always very competitive, but we were never really able to break into that upper echelon."

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GOLF

Tufts takes seventh at Duke Nelson

BY DANNY JOSEPH
Senior Staff Writer

The Tufts golf team continues to improve with each passing tournament.

The Jumbos finished in seventh place out of 21 entrants in this weekend's Duke Nelson Invitational, held at the par-71 Ralph Myhre Golf Course in Middlebury, Vt.

The lowest four scores from each five-man team comprised the final standings. Tufts shot a collective 323 on Saturday and then shaved eight strokes off that total to fire a cumulative 315 on Sunday. The team ended with a total of 638, good for 70 over par.

Tufts finished 32 strokes behind the tournament champion Salem State Vikings, who were second at last weekend's Williams Invitational, in which the Jumbos finished 10th. Senior Nick Antonelli of Salem State was the individual champion, finishing at three over par.

Despite dealing with the absence of head coach Bob Sheldon, Tufts was able to keep the confidence it had gained in the second round of last weekend's Williams Invitational, when the team shot a 305. The Jumbos also battled inconsistent conditions throughout the weekend.

"The first day was windy as hell," senior Cal Shapiro said. "I felt like I was at the British Open. And the course was just completely soaked on the second day."

Nevertheless, the Jumbos uti-

lized their resolve, as they managed to improve their score on the second day despite the dreary weather. It was reminiscent of last weekend's performance at Williams, where Tufts shaved fourteen strokes off its total in the second day of competition compared to the first. In both instances, Tufts moved up three spots in the final standings thanks to its second-day play.

"It was an interesting course, and, as the second day was so rainy and wet, the course played a lot longer," senior Brett Hershman said. "Mental toughness was key for us, as we persevered and were able to achieve the results we wanted."

Hershman was the team's low man for the weekend, following a round-one 81 with a 75 on Day Two for a total of 156, which put him in a tie for 20th in the individual standings. Junior Dan Moll, fresh off a one-week hiatus, was not far behind, carding an 80 and a 77 for a two-day total of 157.

Shapiro paired an 84 with a 77 for a total of 161, while junior Luke Heffernan and freshman Mike McCarthy rounded out the squad, both shooting 168s over the two rounds.

"We were keeping the ball on the fairway and sinking our putts," Hershman said. "I think this is a direct result from a productive week of practice. We got to play two tough courses, which gave us some experience and led

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