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Cousens Gym steps up security

BY CARTER ROGERS
Contributing Writer

The addition last month of an identification card-swipe security system in Cousens Gym has caught some students off guard, but administration officials say the changes are necessary for the safety of gym-goers and insist they sufficiently publicized the new measure.

The ID card reader at the security desk of the complex's main entrance is one feature of a comprehensive security overhaul that began last spring. The first step was the implementation of an enhanced security infrastructure around the perimeter doors. In addition, students are now being held to a no-exceptions policy if they forget to bring IDs.

The shoring up of the outside doors, which included the installation of alarms, came after a number of reports of non-Tufts-affiliated visitors gaining access to the gym.

Tufts University Police Department Captain Mark Keith said that adequately securing Cousens is not a simple task.

"Cousens is an old complex. It's really several different buildings that have been joined and added to over the past many years. As a result, it's very difficult to control access and egress from the building. In the past, you would find a lot of people who were not supposed to have access to the building would gain access through the perimeter doors," Keith said. "There was a myriad of problems with the perimeter doors, which we tried to address."

Security is not the only reason for the new card-swipe system. "There are large liability implications for having unauthorized users in a complex like this," said Assistant Athletics Director for Athletics, Facilities, Fields and Game Management Tim Troville, who took on his position in August. "While we're trying to limit access to people that should not be using our facilities, at the same time … we're trying to keep [those who should] safe and also have proper documentation of who these people are."

Not only can Tufts students, faculty, staff and alumni use the gym, but so can local community members. This last faction comprises "a select group of houses that border the Tufts athletic property," according to Troville.

Authorized users can also bring a guest.

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Stick-ture perfect: Field hockey team caps perfect season with upset of No. 1 Bowdoin

Jumbos clinch top seed, home-field advantage for NESCAC Tournament

COURTESY BOB KELLY

Sophomore defender Amanda Roberts and the field hockey team celebrate their 4-3 upset victory over nationally ranked No. 1 Bowdoin Friday night in Brunswick, Maine. The win capped off the squad's first undefeated regular season in program history.

■ To read about the field hockey team's first-round NESCAC playoff game, see Sports, page 13.

BY SAPNA BANSIL
Daily Editorial Board

Perhaps there was only one fitting way for the field hockey team to wrap up its record-setting regular season: by making a little more history.

In what is sure to go down as one of the biggest wins in school history, national No. 4 Tufts completed a perfect 14-0 regular season by upsetting No. 1 Bowdoin 4-3 Friday night in Brunswick, Maine. With the victory, the team's first over the defending national champion Polar Bears since 1998, the Jumbos clinched their first-ever NESCAC regular season title and earned the right to host the semifinal and championship rounds of the conference tournament, which will take place this weekend.

"It's just such a great feeling," senior tri-captain Tess Jasinski said. "It was such an exciting game, very back and forth. Bowdoin put a lot of pressure on us, and we put a lot of pressure on them. I think we did a great job of keeping our composure and doing the little things. It's just an unbelievable feeling to finish

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Voters to consider relaxing marijuana laws

BY LESLIE OGDEN
Contributing Writer

Massachusetts voters tomorrow will consider whether decriminalizing marijuana would lead to greater drug abuse and crime or provide relief from unnecessarily harsh laws and benefit law enforcement agencies and taxpayers.

If passed, Question 2 will replace the current law with a penalty similar to a speeding ticket. Offenders who are 18 or older will be required to relinquish their marijuana and pay a $100 fine. Those under 18 will be subject to the same regulations, and their parents or guardian will be alerted. Minors will be required to complete a drug awareness course that involves 10 hours of community service and at least four hours in a class.

Various law enforcement officials,

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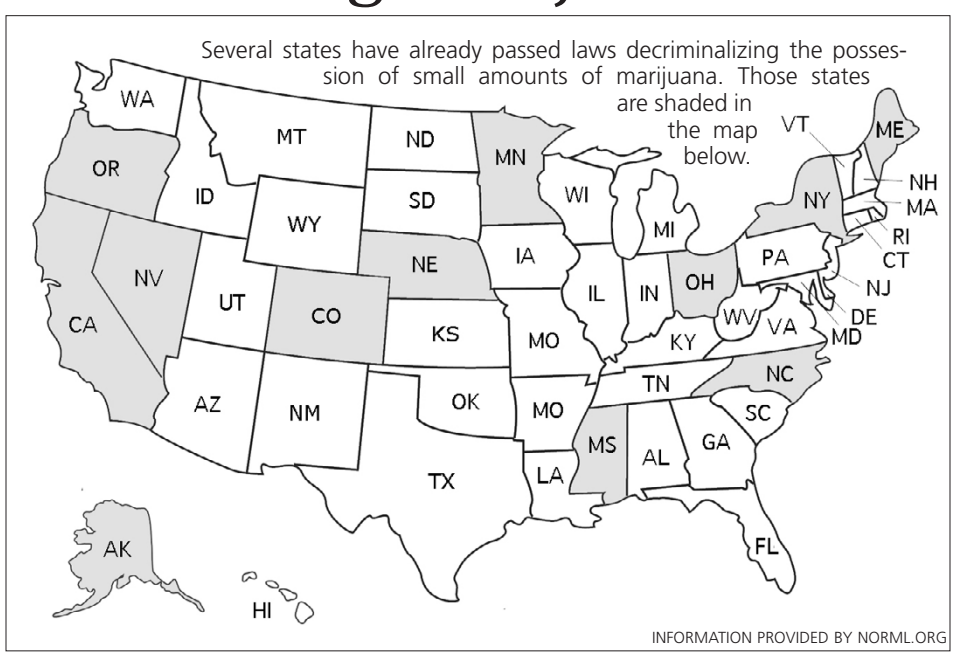

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New LGBT Center director aims to solidify academic programming

BY DAVID STERN
Contributing Writer

Since taking over as the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) Center's new director at the beginning of the year, Tom Bourdon has focused on establishing an academic program dedicated to queer studies and increasing LGBT awareness on campus.

Bourdon has been the acting director of the center since September, succeeding previous director Dona Yarbrough. He served as the assistant director of UCLA's LGBT Center and as the program administrator of New York University's LGBT Office before accepting his current position at Tufts.

"I'm just so impressed with everything that's been happening here at Tufts," Bourdon told the Daily. "I see that the Tufts students are extremely smart and invested in supporting and strengthening the community.

"They're not afraid to ask for things," he continued. "They'll ask or demand [of] upper-level administrators [things] such as including gender identity and expression in our non-discrimination policies [and] offering more courses that will deal with queer theory, queer issues or social justice in general."

Yarbrough taught the class "Introduction to Queer Theory" while she was director. One of the obstacles Bourdon sees facing the LGBT community at Tufts is the lack of a queer studies program. While a number of courses deal with queer issues, no unifying program exists.

"One thing that I know is really important and students are having real difficulty with is seeing sexuality integrated more into the curriculum, meaning courses that are specific to queer issues and courses in general that deal with sexuality but also touch upon LGBT topics," Bourdon said. "I'm hearing students say there's not much of that, and they've been asking for more, and they want more, and they're not seeing more. I'm seeing that as a struggle for a lot of students and something that I would like to work on to help resolve."

Senior Sofia Nelson, a student employee at the LGBT Center, said Bourdon is confronting important issues. "Tom is committed to trying to change the status of queer studies," said Nelson, who has worked at the LGBT Center

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Tom Bourdon is the new LGBT Center director.

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Tufts pulled its money from the Commonfund on time, but other schools weren't so lucky.

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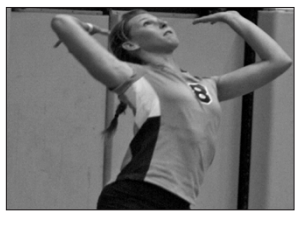
The volleyball team took home the NESCAC regular season title this weekend.



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MONDAY

"UNDERSTANDING INTERNATIONAL DEVIATIONS FROM THE LAW OF ONE PRICE"

Details: As part of the economics department and Fletcher School's seminar series, Marios Zachariadis of the University of Cyprus will be presenting his work regarding trade costs and segmenting product markets.
When & Where: 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.; 314 Tisch Library
Sponsors: Department of Economics, Fletcher School

"COMMUNITY ROBOTICS AS NEW MEDIA FOR EDUCATION"

Details: Illah Bourbakhsh, a professor of robotics at Carnegie Mellon University, will talk about the new trend of using robotics in education. His presentation is part of the Center for Engineering Educational Outreach's (CEEO) Seminar Series.
When & Where: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; basement of Curtis Hall
Sponsor: CEEO

"ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF TRANSPORTATION"

Details: Kay Carson of MassRIDES will be joining the Experimental College class "Marketing for Social Change" to talk about transportation issues, including alternative transportation methods and tactics used to discourage commuters from riding alone.
When & Where: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; 220 Braker Hall
Sponsor: The Communications and Media Studies Program

TUESDAY

"DESIGNED PEPTIDE MATERIALS FOR BIOMEDICAL APPLICATIONS"

Details: University of Delaware Associate Professor Joel Schneider will be discussing the purpose and role of peptide materials, specifically for biomedical applications. Refreshments will be served 30 minutes before the presentation in Pearson 212.
When & Where: 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; 106 Pearson
Sponsor: Chemistry Department

WEDNESDAY

"SHOULD THE U.S. PROMOTE DEMOCRACY IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND, IF SO, HOW?"

Details: Ambassador William A. Rugh will lead six Fletcher students in a discussion about the United States' role in promoting democracy in the Middle East. RSVP to fares-center@tufts.edu by noon today.
When & Where: 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Fares Center Conference Room, Cabot Intercultural Center
Sponsor: Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies

"THE RISE OF PRINTING IN ARABIC"

Details: In conjunction with the gallery exhibition "Empire and its Discontents," Arabic Lecturer Mohammed Alwan will talk about the increasing global prevalence of printing in Arabic. A reception will follow Alwan's presentation.
When & Where: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Aidekman Arts Center
Sponsor: Tufts University Art Gallery

"IMPACT OF GLOBAL RELIGIOUS RESURGENCE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: SUCCESS STORIES FROM THE MUSLIM WORLD"

Details: As part of the Goddard Chapel Forum on Religion and International Relations, Kathryn Coughlin, president of the organization Global Research and Analysis, will highlight examples of how religion has had a positive impact on international relations in the Muslim world.
When and Where: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Goddard Chapel
Sponsor: The Office of the University Chaplain

"FALL COMEDY SHOW FEATURING SETH MEYERS"

Details: Seth Meyers, Saturday Night Live's chief writer, will be performing at Tufts this Wednesday. Tickets are $10 and are available at the Cohen box office.
When & Where: 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Cohen Auditorium
Sponsor: Entertainment Board

THURSDAY

"OEM SOFTWARE: THE PROBLEMS OF SUCCESS"

Details: Terry Moore, the chief operating officer at MCCI, a prominent developer of USB drivers and cell phone firmware, will speak as part of the computer science department's colloquium series.
When & Where: 2:50 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sponsor: Department of Computer Science

"ROLES OF ENGINEERS IN POVERTY REDUCTION: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES"

Details: Bernard Amadei, a professor of civil engineering at the University of Colorado, Boulder, will discuss the potential for pursuing engineering in the developing world.
When & Where: 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Cabot Auditorium
Sponsor: Dean of Engineering

"RELIGION IN AMERICA/ RELIGION IN EUROPE"

Details: Larry Lowenthal, director of the American Jewish Center, will speak for this Chaplain's Table lecture.
When & Where: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Dewick-Macphie Dining Hall Conference Room
Sponsors: The Office of the University Chaplain, International Center, Fletcher School

FRIDAY

"THE ORIGIN OF AN EVOLUTIONARY NOVELTY: BUTTERFLY EYESPOTS"

Details: Antonia Monteiro, assistant professor of evolutionary developmental biology at Yale University, will speak as part of the biology department's Seminar Series.
When & Where: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; 104 Barnum
Sponsor: Biology department

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Bourdon to expand support network

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since 2005. She expressed concern that Tufts may lose prospective students if it does not make progress toward establishing a formal program.

Bourdon plans to enhance Queer Peers, a student-run group within the LGBT Center that provides support to students on campus. He also expressed a desire to focus on support and programming by providing Safe Zone training to Tufts students. This is aimed at educating students on ways to prevent discrimination. Bourdon further hopes to work closely with Team Q, a group of students within the LGBT Center who are trained to talk about their experiences at Tufts.

In order to facilitate campus outreach, Bourdon intends to work closely with the Queer Straight Alliance (QSA), which traditionally coordinates social programming.

"Tom has been very open to collaboration with [the] Queer Straight Alliance. Even outside of planning and organization, he's fun just to talk to and hang out with," said sophomore Tom Calahan, a co-coordinator for QSA.

The LGBT Center and the QSA recently collaborated for a celebration of the 20th-Annual National Coming Out Day last month. Bourdon, along with Associate Dean of Students Marisel Perez and Tufts Community Union President Duncan Pickard, spoke at the campus center during the event. Bourdon agreed to have the LGBT Center pay for the 50 shirts that were given out at the event, according to Nelson.

Bourdon noted that the shirts were a success and that he has seen students wearing them around campus since.

"I see my role as being here to continue to strengthen the community, offer support on an individual level, act as advocate for the community and to work on educating the entire campus," Bourdon said.

Some taken aback by policy change

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"Their signing in is also acknowledgement of releasing the university of liability for any injury that may occur," Troville said.

"Since the new security system has gone into effect, we've had 500 patrons come to renew an ID, when in previous years, we've only had as many as 200 people registered. So it's working as far as helping us track the usage of our gym, which is vital when you're talking about planning for a new facility in the future. You need to have some statistics about what your usage is," Troville said.

Some students feel the changes could have been better publicized. "I didn't know anything about it. When I first saw the machine, I didn't know what to do with it," freshman Kevin Gilchrist said.

Sophomore Jonathan Tatum added that he saw no need for an ID machine. "It seems sort of pointless. They might as well just see your ID. I don't think anyone is going to copy IDs."

Troville said the administration headed a campaign to let students know about the changes. "We had signs for everyone to update their IDs and that a swipe card system would be in effect," he said. "There were also advertisements taken out in [the Daily]. It had been posted all over the Cousens Gym complex in preparation for the system going live."

Some students said the system's benefits outweigh the hassle of needing to remember to bring an ID to each gym visit.

Second-year Fletcher student Josh Goldstein said the inconvenience was minor. "That's inconsequential to me. I really appreciate the [gym's] management," he said.

The card reader was introduced a few weeks ago, and the policy of zero tolerance for patrons without IDs has been in place longer. "A lot of the people that really have legitimate access to the facility have older ID cards that the system would not read," Keith said. "We were hoping to integrate this system at the beginning of the semester but there were some technical problems with the software ... that delayed us from getting the system started."

Troville called the changes an important step. "Security is very important for a building this size, and I think we're heading towards where we want to be," Troville said.

Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone urges 'no' vote

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district attorneys, educators, healthcare workers, businesses and community leaders oppose the question. Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone also advocates a "no" vote.

"The mayor has argued that under current law, Somerville has made significant inroads against alcohol and drug abuse among young people in the city and believes that the deterrent effect of the current law is a useful tool for discouraging young people from taking up marijuana use," Somerville spokesperson Tom Champion told the Daily.

On the other hand, organizations such as the Greater Boston Civil Rights Coalition and the American Civil Liberties Union strongly back Question 2. They argue that its changes would not be harmful because marijuana would remain illegal. They emphasize that laws against trafficking, distribution and driving under the influence would remain unaffected regardless of the outcome.

Champion argued that loosening laws would boost marijuana abuse, which would have a multifaceted impact on society.

"Turning the possession of one ounce or less into a civil offense could easily increase demand for marijuana. An increase in demand could also increase the amount of criminal activity in the city," Champion said.

In support of Question 2, Whitney Taylor, the campaign manager for the Committee for Sensible Marijuana Policy, said that 11 other states from California to North Carolina have laws similar to that proposed in Question 2, and rates of abuse in those states have not gone up.

"They began passing these laws in the 1970s, and we have 30 years of data to back it up. The White House commissioned a report that was carried out by the National Research Council, and they came to the conclusion that changing the penalty system does not impact the rates of abuse. The World Health Organization also completed an international survey and came to the same conclusion," Taylor said.

A primary argument against Question 2 is that decriminalization would appear to constitute an endorsement of substance abuse and would send the wrong message to young people.

The referendum's detractors worry that marijuana is a leading cause of juvenile crime and hospital admissions. There is a heavier correlation between juvenile crimes and marijuana than between juvenile crimes and alcohol, according to the 2008 Official Massachusetts Information for Voters.

"From the city's point, whether or not marijuana is a gateway drug, it is certainly, from the standpoint of criminal activity, a companion drug. It is usually supplied by the same gangs and criminal organizations that supply harder drugs," Champion said.

According to Harvard economist Jeffrey Miron, the state is spending $29.5 million a year on arresting and booking individuals for marijuana. He called this wasteful. "With all this talk and all these cuts across the state, the amendment focuses the dwindling law enforcement on more serious crime," Miron said.

If Question 2 passes, marijuana citations will go to the municipalities where the offenses happened, and the local governments will be able to use the money raised from those citations as they like.

Question 2 would additionally end a trend in which the state issues over 7,000 Criminal Offender Record Information reports for marijuana possession each year. "These reports create barriers to employment, housing, loans to go to school, and create a lifetime ban on being a foster or adoptive parent and becoming a teacher," Taylor said.

Massachusetts law already requires judges to dismiss charges and seal the records of those who are caught in possession of small amounts of marijuana for the first time.

Tufts University Police Department Captain Mark Keith, who was a deputy sheriff in California for eight years before coming to Tufts, would not comment on his position, but said that Tufts would make any changes needed to accommodate the new policy, should Question 2 pass.

"My job as a police officer would be to enforce the law, whatever that is, and if it changes, then myself and my staff will make the changes accordingly," Keith said.

"There are very few instances in my 20 years at Tufts where anyone has been arrested for under an ounce of marijuana. It's a minor offense and the violators would be sent to the Judicial Affairs Office. As far as arrests, [Question 2] wouldn't have a big impact," Keith said.

Features

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Tufts withdraws from Commonfund as other schools lose access to investments

BY KERIANNE OKIE
Daily Editorial Board

In early October, University President Lawrence Bacow sent out a mass e-mail assuring students and faculty that Tufts is in good financial standing and will not greatly suffer at the hands of the volatile economy. It was largely due to one critical decision on behalf of Tufts' financial department, however, that this statement could be made with confidence.

In August, Tufts withdrew its funds from the Commonfund Short Term Fund, a non-profit investment-managing fund owned by Wachovia Bank. At the time, Tufts had approximately $130 million invested in the fund, which held a total of $9.3 billion from a collection of over 900 colleges and universities. Tufts' financial department, at the suggestion of Associate Treasurer of Finance Darleen Karp, decided to withdraw the money as fears about the state of the economy and the fund's finances mounted.

Karp's prediction certainly paid off. Wachovia notified participating institutions in late September that it would be freezing the fund and giving investors access to only about a third of money held there — a move that has the potential to negatively impact many investors.

"In September, because of liquidity issues with the underlying investments, the Short Term Fund was frozen and no longer allowed investors to withdraw funds at will," Karp said in an e-mail to the Daily. "It is our understanding that as the underlying investments become liquid, the Commonfund is making those funds available to investors. We believe that the Commonfund is still holding close to 50 percent of the funds of schools that were invested with them when the Short Term Fund froze in September."

The fund is used by many universities and institutions of higher education as a means to manage the finances used to support day-to-day operations.

"Tufts had used the Commonfund Short Term Fund as an investment vehicle for working capital funds for many years," she said. "Tufts deposited receipts from tuition, grants [and] certain gifts and withdrew funds as they were needed to pay salaries and other bills. Balances in the fund received an investment return. The fund had daily

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Wachovia has become a symbol of the unexpected consequences of the economic slowdown.

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Not all students resign themselves to spending their Sundays locked up in Tisch.

Sunday doesn't need to be loneliest day of week

Tufts students find creative ways to spice up the end of the weekend

BY HALEY NEWMAN
Daily Staff Writer

Even when the Sunday sun glistens and the crisp fall wind beckons a potential afternoon spent outside, many Tufts students still find the day the most dreary, depressing one of the week. Looming papers, midterms and problem sets win over the beauty of nature, and it's off to the basement of Tisch for a day dealt to diligence.

But students who think that Sunday is simply a day to play catch-up, however, may be missing out on the untapped potential of this forgotten weekend day.

Sophomore Austin Lines is one of a growing group of Tufts students who refuse to allow Sundays to be swallowed by the impending doom of Monday. Lines set out on a spontaneous journey to New York last Sunday, where he and three friends climbed a mountain, discovered a cave, dipped in a waterfall and stumbled upon a garage sale where he purchased a cleaver for only $1.50 before returning to Boston to begin preparing for a math exam.

"Sunday needs to be treated with the same amount of adventure and

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MICHAEL GOETZMAN | SPOTLIGHT

The pizza lady of Dewick

During Dewick's slower hours, an employee stationed at the pizza oven spies a few hungry students wandering solemnly about the empty heated trays. She watches their crestfallen expressions as they recognize, drifting towards the sandwich bar, their doomed meal prospects.

Eager to assuage their hunger and vexation, she makes sure to have a few extra pizzas garnished and steaming atop the counter — even though the "slow hours" constitute part of her break time.

If you've ever come to the counter and not found your desired pizza, you've most likely met a luminous smile, and, behind it, a woman more than willing to craft you one decorated with any panoply of ingredients.

"I can do creative — as long as it's okay with my staff manager," she told me in our chat during one Thursday's slow hours. "We try to make everyone happy," she added.

Her name? I can't say. I've been asked, in regard for the many wonderful and deserving employees of Dewick, to withhold it. Argh, I know! It's rough. It does rhyme with "skinny" though. But that's it; I shouldn't have even told you that. Okay, she may or may not share her name with the enchanting love interest of Kevin Arnold in "Wonder Years." Now I'm in trouble...

Born in Hong Kong, she (we'll call her "Margarita," like the pizza), was the eldest of four. She immigrated to America roughly two decades ago, working at the salad bar in a junior college cafeteria before finding employment at a small family business in Boston. As the business hit some turbulent financial times, Margarita explored other job prospects and was eventually referred to Tufts by a friend. Upon receiving her position at Dewick, she moved to Medford, where she has lived for five years.

Her avocations include reading history and cookbooks as well as watching the occasional TV movie. Asked if she often made it out to the movies, she said, "I've seen two movies in the theater in the two decades I've been here: 'Jurassic Park' [1993] and 'The Fugitive' [1993]." I told her that she's missing only one particular romantic comedy that, once viewed, would form, along with "Jurassic" and "The Fugitive," the perfect movie trifecta of the past twenty years. Being a man of interminable class and wit, I suggested the movie that put Julia Roberts on the map: "Mystic Pizza" (1988).

How strange that I'd suggest that movie, since Margarita's pizza does seem to contain something almost, yes, — mystic. You can imagine my shock when she told me that she hasn't been perfecting the recipe all her life — that the list of secret ingredients hadn't been passed down from her great-great-great-grandfather, gotten stolen, skipped a generation, gotten lost in a fire, been recovered, amended, and — miraculously — found its way, through oral tradition, to her dough-kneading fingertips.

"When I started, I didn't know anything about pizza," she said with a laugh.

In the ways of a true pizza chef, she makes an effort to listen to students' and co-workers' opinions. Their suggestions helped form her Holy Grail of pizza-making — a comprehensive ongoing project enumerating the dos and don'ts of making a decent pie.

For instance, she told me, "If you want to make a BLT pizza, put the bacon and tomato on first and put the lettuce on after the pizza cooks." She's meticulous, scrupulous. And I've watched enough "Iron Chef" to know that it's attention to such subtle detail that differentiates the great chefs from the mediocre.

Ending our chat together, I thanked her for taking time to meet with me and, in her way of deflecting appreciation, she said, "Thank you," gesturing, with a pass of her hand, towards all the students in the cafeteria, "If nobody eats pizza, I don't have a job." I assured her that she should have no worries — being a pizza chef on a college campus is probably the most secure job anyone could have.

Michael Goetzman is a sophomore who has not yet declared a major. He can be reached at Michael.Goetzman@tufts.edu.

Jumbos break from studying to take advantage of often-overlooked Sundays

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debauchery as Saturday," Lines said. "I like to go climbing on Sundays. Hopefully in the winter I will get to go ice climbing."

While Lines expounds the exciting possibilities of Sundays, others appreciate the latter half of the weekend as a much-deserved day of rest and relaxation. Junior Xin Cao dubs Sunday his "lounging around [and] studying day," but admits that it most often becomes a "slack-off day," particularly during NFL season.

Junior Lisa Tse also likes to take it slow on Sunday mornings. "The best way to wake up is Sunday morning brunch at the Danish Pastry House with my housemates," Tse said. "There's no better way to catch up on life and on the night before."

The ways Tufts students make Sundays more fun range from romantic dinners to disco dance classes to Russian tea tastings, but the general trend is taking one or more hours to brush academics aside and blow off some sick-of-studying steam.

For sophomore Patricia Pop, Sundays are both a blessing and a curse. "For college students, it's your last grasp of the glorious weekend time, but it's usually inundated with procrastinated projects," Pop said.

To deal with the stress and lighten her load, Pop has filled her Sunday nights with a few activities that force her to "crawl out of the depths of the library." Six to seven is Belly Dance, seven to eight is dinner with fellow Wilderness support staffers and nine to 10 is Tufts Dance Collective.

"The point is to let loose, not overstress myself even more. No matter what's going on in my life — especially on hectic Sundays — I break it up with an hour or two of 'forced fun'" Pop said.

The 30-horse carousel on the Frog Pond in Boston Common may be one way to spin back to the days of youth, long before tests trumped fun and pillaged precious playtime, and when stress was defined by finishing the broccoli on a dinner plate instead of a 20-page paper.

For sophomore Emma Van Der Weerd and junior Jonathan Hoopes, Sunday night is date night. Last Sunday, Hoopes introduced Van Der Weerd to what he called the world's best calamari, and Van Der Weerd was surprised by how much she enjoyed her first time trying squid and exploring Little Italy with her adventurous companion.

"Overall, it's just nice to have something to break up the day," Van Der Weerd said. "We don't regret taking time earlier in the day to do something fun, even if it means sleeping less that night. Sometimes we will even just take a break from work and go sit outside for a little while. Something as simple as that helps to reduce stress."

Students' four-year view limits understanding of administration's use of funds

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liquidity, much like a money market fund. Before Tufts withdrew from the Short Term Fund, we had more than $100 million invested there."

Should the Short Term Fund be unable to liquify a greater percentage of funds in the coming months, some schools will be incapable of reaching large portions of money: Pace University has $48 million, or 64 percent of its working capital invested in the fund, while the University of Michigan reports that it has at least $25 million invested.

Luckily for Jumbos, Karp and her colleagues foresaw that the fund was doomed and withdrew the money just before its collapse. "We were concerned about the liquidity of the underlying investments," Karp said.

Students across the board have commended the treasury department's foresight in withdrawing Tufts' investments from the Commonfund; however, in wake of last year's embezzlement scandal, the state of Tufts' investments is a touchy subject among many. For many students, it is difficult to reconcile visible problems on campus with the mention of enormous sums of money like those withdrawn from the Commonfund.

Senior Alissa Brandon feels that students should be more informed about the state of Tufts' finances and what is being done with the money that is invested.

"I think students should be included more," Brandon said. "This year is the first time I've heard about students being consulted — with the embezzlement money — and I think there should be more forums."

Brandon also added that there are many small things that need to be fixed, and commented that if the university has over $100 million invested, it should be able to take care of some of the school's lesser problems.

"I understand that running a big university is a pretty huge operation," she said. "[But] sometimes I think about [the] fact that there's a broken chair … [and] the lounge couches are dilapidated … and I wonder why I'm paying $40,000 a year. But for the most part, I trust Tufts."

"We pay [so much] and sometimes it seems like we don't have some of the things that we should have," junior Domenica Nino said. "I'm always wondering where all the money is going."

Senior and quantitative economics major Ben Picillo feels that students often do not see the long-term benefits of Tufts' investments because their experience at Tufts is limited to a four-year window.

"I think that the problem with Tufts is that, [with] their financial goals, students don't really see that," he said. "Tufts wants to update buildings and attract world-renowned faculty and students don't necessarily see these goals as improving their own life at the school."

Picillo added that although students should be involved in the decision making process to a certain extent, the decisions should ultimately be made by the university.

"I think that the problem with consulting students is that students are only here for four years, and financial endeavors can sometimes be more long term than that," he said. "Students may be trying to push for things that will affect them in four years not the next classes that are coming in."

Nino agreed that students may not always be the best decision makers. "It should be more out in the open … It's our money and we should know where it's going, but I don't think everyone is going to care … and if everyone is qualified to decide [how Tufts' money should be spent]," she said.

The termination of the Commonfund also raises certain questions about the safety of investing so much money in one place; still, students seem to trust the decisions that Tufts has made.

"I'd be nervous about that sum of money all in one place," Brandon said. "But I also understand that the more money you have invested the more dividends you have on it."

Picillo agreed that Tufts' investment decision was sound at the time, but that it was good that Tufts moved its funds into treasuries when it did. "Tufts has a lot of money, but it doesn't have as much as a lot of other top schools … To me, $130 million in a fund doesn't seem like [too much] invested," he said. "It was great foresight on their part to get that money out."

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MOVIE REVIEW

Flaming Lips entertain with new, bizarre film 'Christmas on Mars'

BY RYAN ZUCKMAN
Daily Staff Writer

Everyone knows The Flaming Lips as those self-proclaimed fearless freaks, purveyors of weird in any and all forms and makers of sublime music. What may come as a surprise is the fact that, for the past six years, they've also been amateur filmmakers. Their new film, "Christmas on Mars," lives up to most people's expectations: It's bizarre. Wholeheartedly a B-movie, it is one that recognizes and embraces its own faults and limitations, yet remains ambitious, striving to touch upon themes of despair, isolation, hope and religion. The result is a depressing yet hilarious, disturbing yet heartwarming film that seasoned critics will hate, but fans of the band

Christmas on Mars
★★★★☆
Starring **Steven Drozd, Wayne Coyne, and Steve Burns**
Directed by **Wayne Coyne**

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Where is Tommy Lee Jones when you need him? Will Smith can come too...

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MOVIE REVIEW

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'Zack and Miri' mixes porn and potty humor to create an endearing romantic comedy

BY EMEI WILLIS
Daily Staff Writer

Tapping into the endless humor of parody porn, Kevin Smith has successfully pulled off a hilarious romantic comedy. Yes, romantic! Past all the light saber dildos and fart jokes, the core of this film is a love story. "Zack and Miri Make a Porno" is invested in the difference between bumping uglies and making love, and as it is still a Smith film, there are still plenty of "Star Wars" references and potty humor to satisfy his geeky fan base.

Zack and Miri Make a Porno
★★★★☆
Starring **Seth Rogen, Elizabeth Banks, Jason Mewes**
Directed by **Kevin Smith**

Zack (played by Seth Rogan) and Miri (Elizabeth Banks) are best friends and roommates. When faced with mounting debt and the risk of being kicked out of their apartment, they find themselves in a bind. Zack suggests that because of their lack of ambition, dignity and other options they should make a homemade porno to get fast cash. The two agree that because they will only be having sex for money, it means nothing and everything will be okay between them afterwards.

Zack's co-worker Delaney (Craig Robinson) finances the production and begrudgingly agrees to check out the women during the audition process. The successful audition brings aboard several uniquely talented porn stars, including the very quick-to-lift-off Lester (Jason Mewes), the gorgeous bombshell Stacey (adult film icon Katie Morgan) and the kinky Bubbles (Traci Lords). While preparing for "Star Whores," Zack and Miri start to wonder what having sex with each other will do to their friendship.

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CD REVIEW

Copeland's newest effort, 'Sunshine,' proves lackluster

BY GRANT BEIGHLEY
Daily Editorial Board

Copeland has historically been lumped in with numerous other indie-rock acts such as Death Cab for Cutie

You Are My Sunshine
Copeland
★★☆☆☆
Tooth & Nail Records

But with its newest release, "You Are My Sunshine," Copeland seems content to associate itself with other indie-rock groups by solidifying its roots in a banal, flavorless sound. While the band should have pushed to create 11 distinct tracks, it instead settled to give listeners an album of indistinguishable atmospheric dirges.

The opening track, "Should You Return," gives the listener excess hope for an above-average album. Beginning with the artificially vocoded vocals of lead singer Aaron Marsh, the song eventually blooms into a fully orchestrated yet beautifully understated chorus of, "Now there's nothing left to say to change your mind/ And if you're unhappy still I will be hanging on your line/ Should you return." While the delay-laden guitars in the verses keep the song relatively upbeat and hopeful, the dark piano buried amongst the strings in the choruses grounds the song in a stark sense of reality.

The band returns to its safety zone with "The Grey Man," another lofty melody complete with affected guitars and falsetto vocals. While the song is certainly catchy enough and worthy of a solid B+ in terms of musicality, it lacks the harmonic push-pull dynamics of the album opener and ultimately sinks into mediocrity as it pushes the three-minute point.

"Good Morning Fire Eater," starts with the potential to take a turn for a more interesting route, but languishes in the indie-standard 'repeating drum loop with two-bar melody' cycle. Even with a synthesizer solo stuck in there, the

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GRANT BEIGHLEY | PANTS OPTIONAL

Holy crap, it's November?

What the hell Chronos, God of Time? I thought we had a deal. I'm taking back my four bushels of potatoes and three goats I sacrificed to you last week. Moloch the Owl God will not be pleased when he hears of this. You know Moloch, right? I think you met at last year's mixer; he was the one with the body of a man and the head of a Moloch. Good guy, Moloch.

But to be serious for a second: It's incredibly scary to think that Halloween is now over, Thanksgiving is just around the corner and the gentrified "Holiday Season" is in hot pursuit (in the most nondenominational way possible). But believe it, this sh-t just got real.

Let's take a look at the raucous two months ahead of us through the Pants Optional Lens of Popularity.

Based on current popularity trends and what I know of the average human being (I met one once, I think his name was Carl), my guess is that basic hardware-type things will be the big gifts. Now, by hardware I don't necessarily mean drills and chainsaws, though those are cool, but items that are more than knick-knacks and throw-away books. Look for big-name items that will get a lot of use. Think Garmin. Think clothes. Think cookware sets.

The reason things like this will be so popular is namely because the economy is in the crapper and people will appreciate useful everyday objects more than a book of pictures of unique beaver-tree chewings. The gift of a real genuine beaver-chewed tree stump is always in fashion though.

This is getting me too excited. Especially as a senior, things such as these are even more enticing than ever, seeing as in a few short months I will be out in the cold, dark world with little to no money to burn for heat and light. Basic things like silverware and, well, let's face it, cash, are incredibly high on my list this year, since come May, I'd rather be eating with some form of cutlery than my feet.

This also means that for the first time, I will appreciate my grandmother giving me a sweater and 16 pairs of socks. If my life is any indication, for my Grandma, giving Christmas gifts is not about the recipient. It's about her. She wants to see you wearing those socks. And you're going to tell her how they're warmer and softer than any of the others, or you're going to pay.

Extended family members are also another great place to request household (apartment-hold) items and even more straight-up cash. Aunt Syphilis wants something around 20 bucks? That's a blender right there. Now you can make smoothies.

For all of you who are first-years and sophomores, putting throw-away amounts like this towards music, video games, moves, etc, is perfectly acceptable, and in fact encouraged, because that's less money you have to take out of your parents' bank account while you're at school. It's just important to keep in mind throughout these good times that the end is near.

But the most helpful information I can give would be to juniors, to whom I say: SAVE YOUR MONEY from Christmas/ Hanukkah/Flag Day. You will need it later. I'm totally serial.

I absolutely regret buying whatever I got last year with accumulated

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Beighley: This time skip the UGGs, stick with cash

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Christmas money. It speaks volumes that I don't even remember what it was I ended up buying. It was something that felt really important at the time, but I now realize was really, REALLY stupid. Like pants. Or a new copy of "Deep Impact" (1998) on DVD.

To make this statement more general, when spending your gift money (or putting together your wish lists) this holiday season, don't forget that this time next year, whatever you got this year will most likely be much less popular/important than you thought it was.

That second pair of UGG boots? I know they're black, and the ones you have now are tan, but pocket the saved money and get six percent on it for a year. When you need to pay your water bill next year, you'll be glad you did. Unless you plan on burning them in order to roast the squirrels you've caught. Squirrel meat is very high in potassium. Write that down.

College Christmases are strange occurrences, when you think about them. During a time when your parents either entirely fund or assist in funding your current lifestyle, they take December as an opportunity to give you MORE gifts. So after thoroughly enjoying the first two years of life without parents or bedtimes, start thinking ahead with your wish lists. You'll thank yourself in two years.

Even if you're a frosh or soph, just ask for money. It's infinitely more useful than any other gift. There's no reason to ask for anything else unless you're trying to throw your parents off track and make them doubt that you're spending all their money on booze. And if that's the case, they already know — stop being so oblivious.

Of course it's always an option to just enjoy the gifts of "things" and "stuff" while they last, but if your future self ever travels back through time and crotch-punches you for being such a lummox, don't blame me.

Ok, yeah, blame me. I'll be laughing at you like everyone else.

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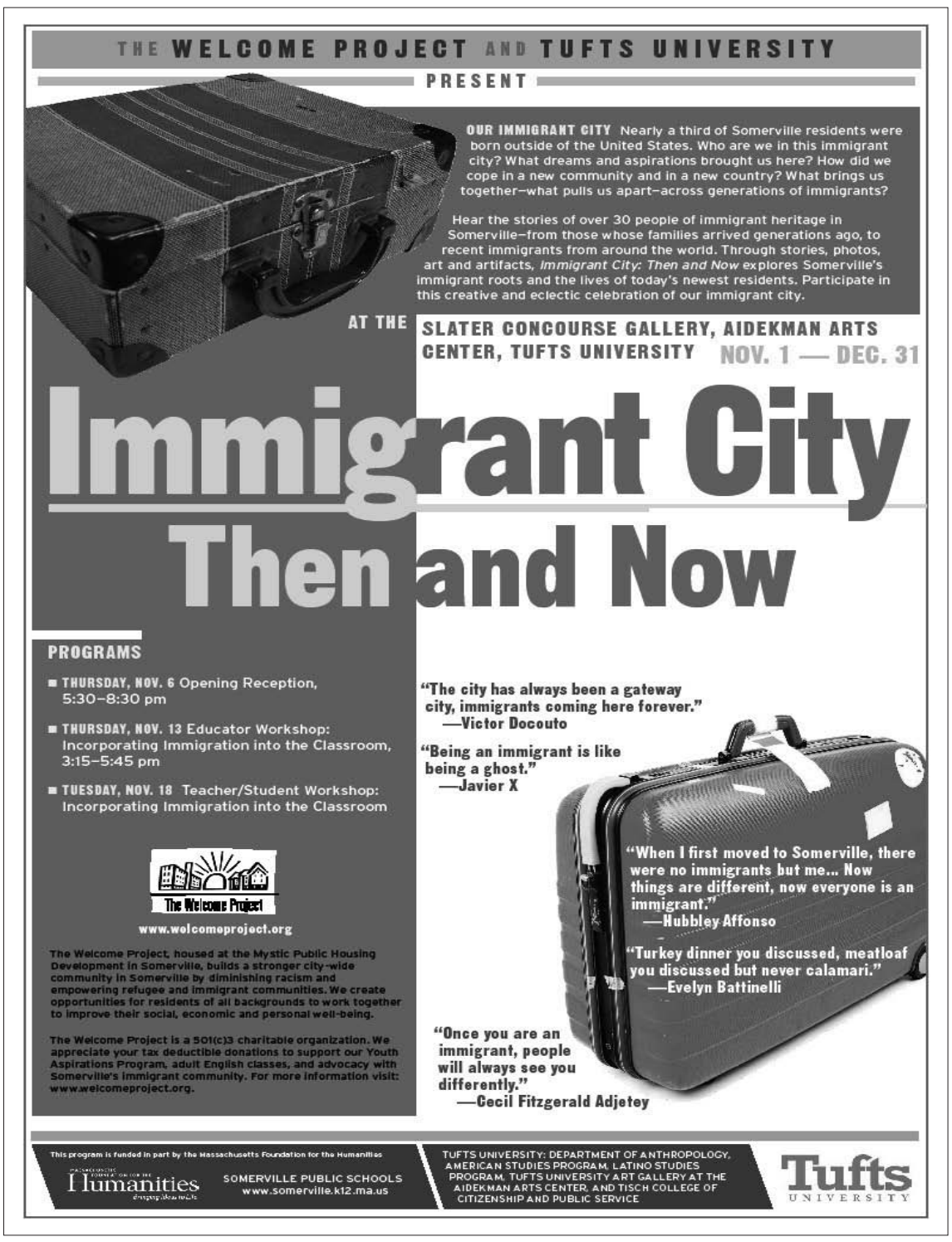

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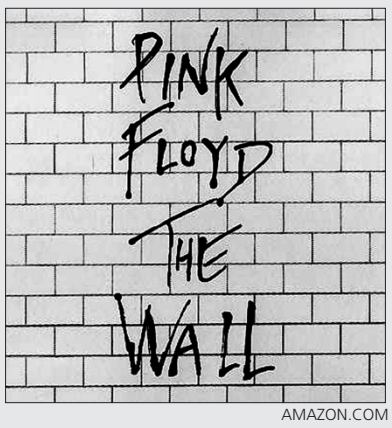

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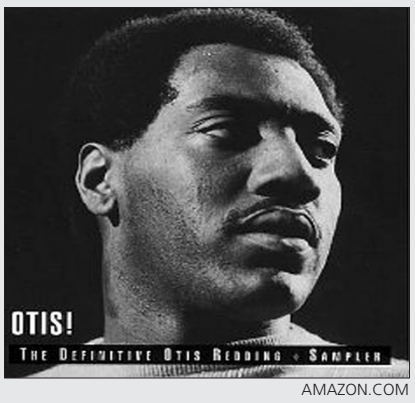

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Otis Redding, "Otis! The Definitive Otis Redding,"
Rhino, 1993;

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'Zack and Miri' features all-star cast in addition to handful of real porn stars

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Sex, as we all know, complicates everything.

Though Rogan and Banks make for an unlikely couple, their on-screen chemistry is undeniable. Sparks fly during their love scene, which is one of the more tasteful of the copious sex scenes featured in the film.

"Zack and Miri" showcases the usual cast of quirky characters from Smith's other productions, including Mewes, as well as several former porn stars. Traci Lords, best known for her arrest after working as an underage porn star, does a great job mocking the industry that made her infamous. Justin Long's performance is noteworthy, as he steals the entire movie with his brief appearance as the gay porn star, Brandon. Every line Long utters is hysterical due to his flawless delivery.

Smith is a writer first and a director second. His writing in "Zack and Miri" is some of the best comedy in recent years — yes, even better than Judd Apatow's films. It is to his credit that he has made a name for himself through his ability to mix sexual and potty humor with heart and emotion.

Smith, in fact, is responsible for single-handedly reintroducing pop culture sexual slang like "snowball" and "donkey show" back into the mainstream lexicon. This time around it is the "Dutch rudder."

Because Smith was able to overturn an NC-17 rating through the Motion Picture Association of America's appeals process, he did not have to change a single word or scene. Every expletive, every thrust and every nude scene is there.

Make no mistake; this film is not for virgin eyes and ears. It is, however, a graduation from Smith's previous films like "Clerks" (1994) and "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back" (2001), which showcase the humor of a 15-year-old pothead.

"Zack and Miri" shows a certain maturity in his direction and writing. The film will definitely offend those who are opposed to pornography, but those are probably the kind of people who wouldn't buy a ticket to something with the word porno in the title anyway.

"Zack and Miri Make a Porno" is certainly one of the year's raunchiest films, but it is also incredibly funny and heart warming. It is ultimately an old-fashioned romantic comedy, this time brought about through homemade porn.

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The audition process for the film was long, hard and sweaty.

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Copeland's newest effort fails to shine, offering nothing new or exciting.

'Sunshine' has end as dark as beginning

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track never really takes off, but rather idles on the runway until it's out of gas, then explodes for no apparent reason.

As track after track goes by, it seems impossible that a song will arise that is different from the mass of other soft-drum-and-falsetto ballads. Surprisingly enough, "Not Allowed" breaks from the pack. While the instrumentals themselves aren't significantly different from anything else on the album, the lyrics are interesting enough this time around to keep the listener listening to what Marsh will say next.

As Marsh croons, "Here we go/ I'll make a joke for you now, make you smile/ But I'm not allowed to be sad," his pleading voice hits home the point that this guy has serious issues dealing with his emotions. Even more confusing is his claim in "Not Allowed" that he is incapable of being sad, although one is hard-pressed to find a 'happy' song on "You Are My Sunshine."

With three tracks left, listeners enter the home stretch of "You Are My Sunshine" hoping for one more solid song, complete with the whole array of melody, harmony and emotion. But these hopes are all in vain, as the album putters out with a string of more self-defeating tunes about the inability to control time and circumstances.

"You Are My Sunshine" had the potential to be a career-defining album for Copeland, but the band instead chose to go the easy route and write 11 songs that are nearly indistinguishable rather than throw out the generic in search of the ingenuous. Although it may seem too simple of a critique, it speaks volumes that the same drum sound is used for almost every track on the album. As common as that may be, after 11 cuts of muffled-and-mixed-into-the-background percussion, everything coming out of the speakers takes on the same shade of gray. While some songs may be a bit catchier or emotional than others, none are memorable enough to be recalled after the album's first spin.

The opening track "Should You Return" is definitely worth an iTunes purchase, but the rest of "You Are My Sunshine" should be reserved for die-hard fans only.

Arts Editors' Mixtape | November 2008

Each month the Arts Department will share our mixtape, a list of our favorite new songs that we've been listening to around the office. To hear the songs and for descriptions of our picks, visit our brand-new blog, "The Scene," at tuftsdaily.com.

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Matt DiGirolamo	"Signs"	Bloc Party	"Intimacy" (2008)
Jessica Bal	"Border Guards"	The Rosebuds	"Life Like" (2008)
Catherine Scott	"Roses and Cigarettes"	Ray LaMontagne	"Gossip in the Grain" (iTunes version 2008)
Grant Beighley	"Taken Aback"	The Rocket Summer	"Do You Feel" (2007)
Sarah Cowan	"Shallow Grave"	The Tallest Man on Earth	New Single (2008)
Mike Adams	"Wicked Wisdom"	Of Montreal	"Skeletal Lamping" (2008)
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B-movie atmosphere does not detract from the overall experience of 'Mars'

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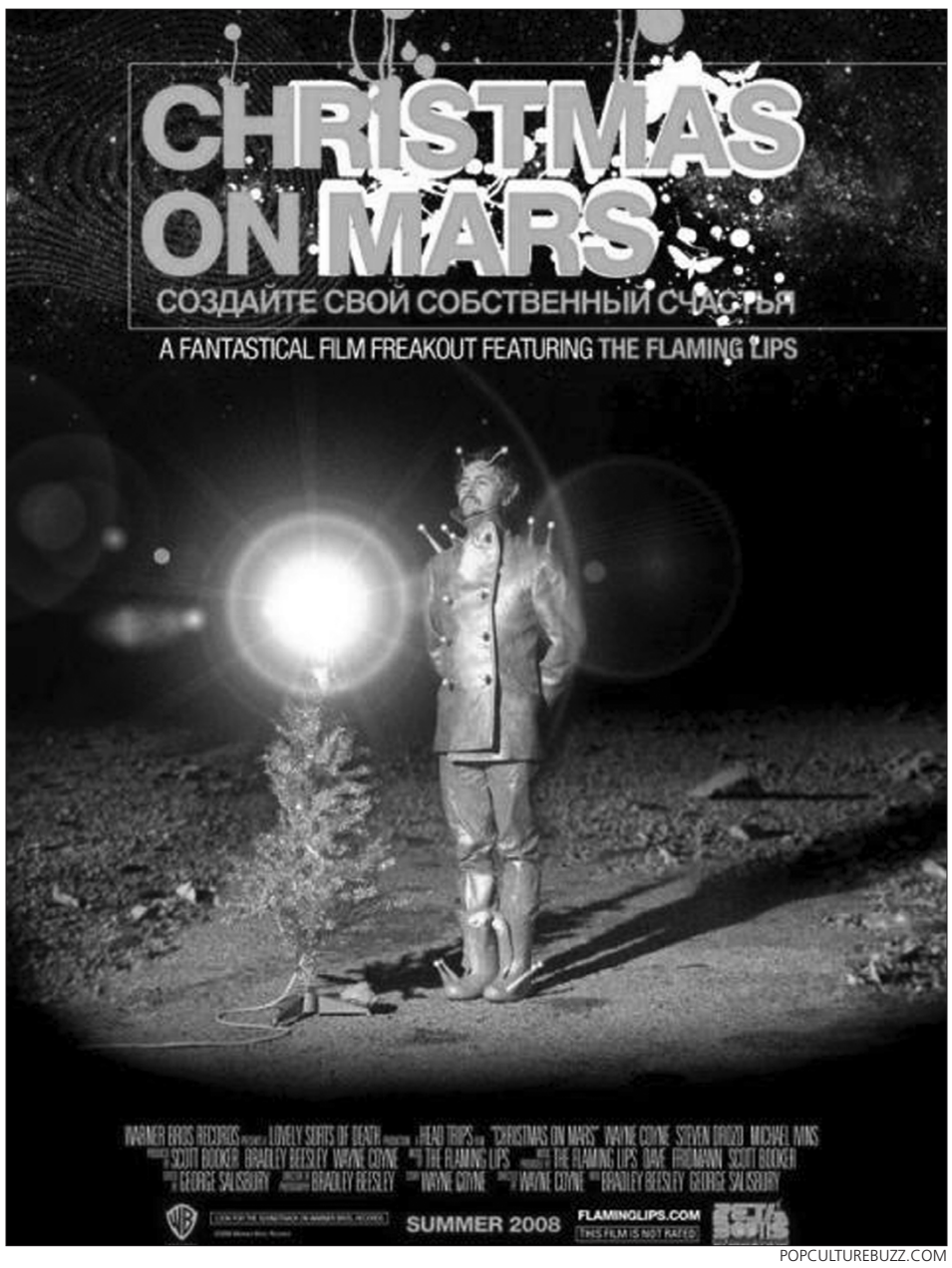
and low-budget films will love.

As the title so effectively suggests, the film takes place on Mars at Christmas time — though it's a bit more complicated than that. Humanity has successfully landed a crew on the red planet as a sort of colonization mission. The program, however, is dwindling, and there is virtually no support for the stranded crew aside from what they provide for themselves. As despair takes over, Major Syrtis (played by Steven Drozd) tries to organize a Christmas pageant coinciding with the birth of the first colonist baby and to raise hope in the face of growing madness.

The main reason the film works so well is its unique "production value." The Flaming Lips are an extremely clever bunch, and with "no real actors, no budget" and cameras that aren't much better than what one has at home, they've managed to cobble together an extremely cohesive space station. Abandoned warehouses, sets in their own house and backyard, and the dusty plains of Texas and Oklahoma somehow all come together to form an environment that, even if not convincing, is wholly engrossing. Though the recognition of ordinary objects adapted to space props is initially amusing, by the close of the film the audience is completely convinced of the illusion.

The sets themselves are well thought-out and very effective in conveying the isolation and claustrophobia that comes with living in space. The mostly black-and-white filming contributes to the overall sense of dread and provides a jarring contrast from the brief moments of bright color.

There is also some visual trickery afoot, thanks to the advent of cheap home video editing software becoming available during the filming process. None of it is terribly astounding, and in fact it is used only sparsely, mainly during the opening and closing sequences (these are where the word "trippy" is applicable). Be warned, though: "Christmas on Mars" contains what is likely the most creative, hilarious and disturbing use of female genitalia of any movie ever created.



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"Christmas on Mars" may be the next "The Wall" (1982).

Behind the scenes is a wonderful score, and no, it's not just a collection of random Flaming Lips songs. With arrangements that range from sparse and foreboding, à la "There Will Be Blood" (2007), to grand, rich and orchestral, the soundtrack succeeds in every way, adding suspense here, gravity there and joy elsewhere. It really can't be considered anything other than masterful.

As inventive as it is, both visually and aurally, the film does have one problem: its performances. Simply put, they're stilted, awkward and very straightforward, leaving little to be analyzed. Out of the main cast, only Drozd is convincing in his role as a desperate and slightly insane crew member, and singer Wayne Coyne makes a fine silent Martian. The rest deliver their lines with enthusiasm, but without emotional depth, proper timing or any acting chops whatsoever. But part of the film's charm is its embracement of low production values and bad acting. One of the amazing things about it is its ability to shift from a comically bad scene into a mesmerizing and emotional one, a technique that occurs frequently throughout the film.

Though it may approach some serious issues and attempt a mood similar to films such as "Eraserhead" (1977), "Christmas on Mars" is not a film to be taken completely seriously. Coyne and company were certainly aware of this fact, as evidenced by the habitually shirtless redneck captain, among other things. Audiences will find further levity in the cast's familiar faces: SNL's Fred Armisen, Adam Goldberg (aka The Hebrew Hammer) and Steve Burns ("Blue's Clues").

In the end, though, the Lips do make their mark. "Christmas on Mars" is an endearing effort, one whose philosophical ruminations never prevent it from its primary purpose, which is to entertain. And entertain it does, to a wonderful degree. So strap on some alien antennae and prepare for a confrontation of cosmic reality, Flaming Lips style.

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EDITORIAL

In support of decriminalization

Arguably the most controversial issue on the Massachusetts ballot this fall is Question 2, which, if passed, will decriminalize the possession of one ounce or less of marijuana. While at first glance, this ballot issue raises an alarm, especially for those who are strongly opposed to marijuana legalization/decriminalization, upon further examination it is a logical approach to what many consider a common problem.

It must be understood that decriminalization in no way equates to legalization. Passing Question 2 would mean that anyone caught with marijuana would have to hand it over to the police and pay a $100 fine, with minors additionally required to do 10 hours of community service and drug education — stipulations that in no way seem to indicate legalization. This law only seeks to amend the penalties for possession (and possession of a very small amount, at that), while leaving intact the punishments for growing and selling.

In other words, drug dealers and producers would not benefit. And while many, including Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone, might decry decriminalization, arguing that it fundamentally undermines previous efforts to curb drug use among teenagers, it would have a slew of benefits for Somerville and communities like it across the state.

For example, the state will be able to cut down on the $29.5 million it spends on booking individuals and incarcerating them for marijuana possession (expenditures that penalize the state by draining money from communities as much as they penalize the offenders). More importantly, many good people who are currently ineligible for child adoption, student or home loans and teaching jobs would not have to experience the overly severe repercussions for what, for many, can be counted as a somewhat innocuous mistake.

Basically, it seems disproportionately harsh that someone who was caught with marijuana decades ago can still be barred from adoption and other privileges and that prospective employers are still be able to know about the offense.

Also, Question 2 would allow law enforcement officers to focus their time and energy on matters of greater importance than an ounce or less of marijuana. The law additionally provides that all the money collected for marijuana citations will go directly to communities where the offenses take place. They can then use those funds to prioritize other, more substantial projects.

Still, there is inevitably the persistent roar of those who would like to say that decriminalization is tantamount to condoning and that any concessions represent a step backwards.

In some respects, they are right. The state should not seek to encourage drug use, not only because it is harmful (although anybody looking around the Tufts campus would be hard-pressed to find someone who has been TEMSed because of marijuana), but also because, in many cases, buying drugs supports other criminal activities both within the United States and internationally. But this law does not seek to encourage marijuana use. It does, however, ensure that the punishment fits the crime.

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End of election means rest for all

BY RICHARD WOOD
The Daily Gamecock

Tomorrow, Americans will go to the polls to make their selection for president. It will be a historic day, a day that will shape the fate of the nation. However, for a lot of Americans, it will probably be more important for another reason: It'll be the day campaigning ends.

And not a moment too soon.

Modern elections are marathons, unofficially starting years ahead of polling day. The winning candidate has to survive a gauntlet to make it to the finish, and there's rarely any consolation prize for the loser. It is not just candidates that elections are tough on — it's also the electorate. We are bombarded with television and radio advertisements, with campaign signs and with election news. Even bastions of escapism like sports are affected, as candidates make appearances at every sporting event they can. We can't get rest.

So it's no wonder a lot of us are ready for it to be all over. Now I know what some of you are thinking: Aren't you forgetting that elections are the most important part of democratic governance? That getting huge swaths of the population interested in politics is a good thing? Both of these points are good ones. But those who see the end of the campaign season as the end of the average person's political involvement, who wish the excitement of the campaigns could continue indefinitely, are forgetting a critical part of democracy: reconciliation.

All politicians like to make fine speeches about unity, solidarity and "bringing everyone together." The fact that George W. Bush promised to be a "uniter, not a divider" before his first term should give an idea of the rift between the ideal and the reality. But the end of every election actually brings about a remarkable show of national unity. The partisanship, the debating, the fighting and the pure passion that reach their climax just before Election Day come to a sudden end and people go back to their daily lives. In many countries, the end of an election is the beginning of riots or an attempted coup by the losing party. In America, the end of the election usually produces relative calm.

It may seem strange, but the ability of Americans to follow long periods of political engagement with long periods of inactivity, to go from wearing their party affiliation on their sleeves to keeping it entirely to themselves, is a great feature of our democracy. Candidates dream of uniting the whole country, but how hard is it to unite when everyone agrees? The fact that more than 40 percent of the country routinely agrees to be governed by their opponents is a far greater thing. And it's as healthy to want elections to be over as it is to get wrapped up in them. It is the ability to forget the arguments of the campaign and to accept the election result no matter what it is that lets our government work.

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A last appeal

BY MICHAEL HAWLEY

Election Day is tomorrow. Polls seem to indicate a comfortable victory for Barack Obama. I know this article will not prevent Tufts students from voting in droves for the Democratic candidate, but I would be remiss if I did not make one last appeal for you not to.

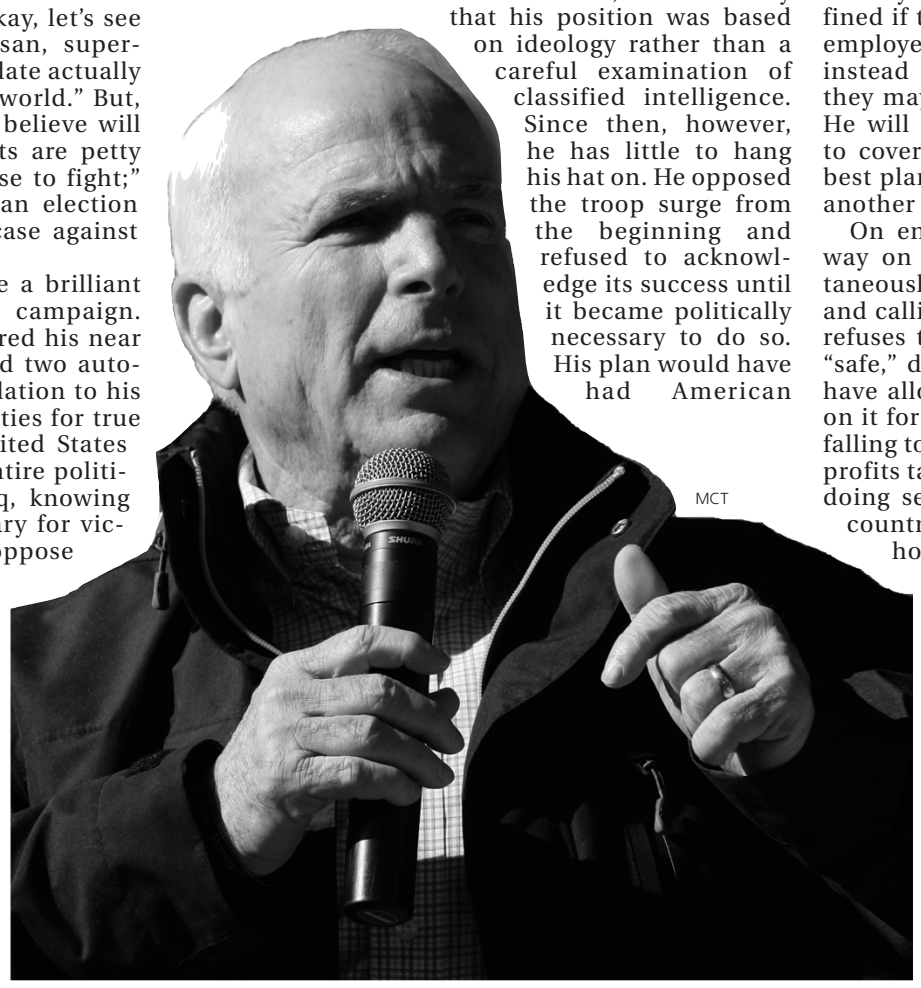
Experiencing the prevailing attitude here towards the Illinois senator, one might think him a near-mythic figure — the person to bring change, healing and prosperity — who is able to leap tall buildings in a single bound. I do not deny that I feel a visceral urge to throw up my hands and say, "Okay, let's see what happens when your hyper-partisan, super-liberal, completely inexperienced candidate actually becomes the most powerful man in the world." But, considering the catastrophic damage I believe will come from this scenario, such thoughts are petty and puerile. Like John McCain, "I choose to fight;" rather than petulantly whining about an election not yet decided, I put forth my final case against Barack Obama.

Sen. Obama has shown himself to be a brilliant speaker and gifted politician in this campaign. These qualities have successfully obscured his near total lack of substance. He has authored two autobiographies, yet has no significant legislation to his name. He has shirked his few opportunities for true leadership in his short term in the United States Senate. While John McCain risked his entire political career advocating the surge in Iraq, knowing from his experience that it was necessary for victory, Obama's keen insight led him to oppose it on the grounds it was not "going to solve the sectarian violence there; in fact, I think it'll do the reverse." When McCain reached across the aisle to the consternation of his own party to bring about immigration reform, Obama remained quietly in the background. When the economic crisis hit with full force this fall, McCain threw his own campaign into disarray as he tried to clean up a mess largely of the Democrats' making. Despite the fact that his fellow Democratic legislators had been responsible for blocking investigations into Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, Obama offered few specific solutions, but made sure to lay the blame for the meltdown on Sen. McCain and President Bush.

Perhaps this scanty record of leadership explains why Obama is often likened to a walking Rorschach test: People are able to see in him whatever they want, and thus expect different and often contradictory policies from his presidency. His thin record even extends to his days as a state legislator. Nearly 130 times, he voted "present" instead of a simple "yes" or "no." He didn't simply take a pass on unimportant or uncontroversial issues; he also refused to vote on concealed-carry laws, the privacy of sex abuse victims, born-alive infant protection and partial birth abortion. If Dante's warning is true that "the hottest places in hell are reserved for those who, in a time of moral crisis, maintain their neutrality," Barack Obama must be feeling the heat.

Conservatives should then breathe easier with the knowledge of Obama's long history of talk and short history of action. But we must all at least consider what he might do if elected.

In the realm of foreign policy, Obama points to his principled opposition to the Iraq war from the beginning. In as much as he was an Illinois state senator at the time, it seems likely that his position was based on ideology rather than a careful examination of classified intelligence. Since then, however, he has little to hang his hat on. He opposed the troop surge from the beginning and refused to acknowledge its success until it became politically necessary to do so. His plan would have had American troops out of Iraq more than a year ago, in the midst of chaos and defeat. Thanks in large part to John McCain, we stand upon the brink of a stable, lasting victory.



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When Russia invaded Georgia, Obama's first instinct was to call for "restraint" on both sides. McCain immediately understood that when an aggressor launches an unprovoked attack on its smaller, democratic neighbor, the victim has the right to resist to the end, not show "restraint." Obama promises to negotiate "without preconditions" with the leaders of Iran and Venezuela, while he openly threatens to bomb our ally, Pakistan, and to kill a free trade agreement with another ally, Colombia.

On the domestic front, things don't look much better. Though he portrays himself as a pro-choice moderate, he supports taxpayer-funded abortions, and refused even to support the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act. He also believes the tortured legal reasoning that spawned Roe v. Wade should remain in place, and would presumably select judicial nominees with that in mind.

Obama's health care plan promises greater bureaucracy and places an undue burden on businesses already facing hard economic times; they will now be fined if they fail to provide health insurance to their employees. McCain proposes no punitive action, and instead will offer families a tax credit with which they may buy whatever health insurance they want. He will also try to remove state and local barriers to coverage, thus allowing Americans to select the best plans for themselves, even if they are offered in another state.

On energy issues, Obama has failed to lead the way on increased domestic oil production, simultaneously denouncing the idea as taking too long and calling for "long-term" solutions. Meanwhile, he refuses to agree to nuclear power until it is proven "safe," despite the technological advancements that have allowed nations such as France to rely heavily on it for electric power. Even as oil prices are finally falling to tolerable levels, Obama demands a windfall profits tax, which will raise prices and hurt investors, doing serious damage to pension funds across the country, including to those of the teachers in his home town of Chicago.

Obama's economic plans promise to harm our economy far worse than anything Barney Frank has ever done. Cleverly dressing up a wealth redistribution program as a tax cut, Obama promises that 95 percent of American families will receive a reduction in taxes under his plan. But since the bottom 40 percent of income earners already pay no income taxes, Obama's plan will involve giving them yet more government handouts, paid for by increased taxes on the wealthy.

Although Obama argues that the wealthy are in fact undertaxed, citing corporate loopholes, the top 10 percent of income earners actually pay 71 percent of the tax burden, despite holding only 48 percent of the wealth. With a troubled economy, the last thing one ought to do is raise taxes on the people and companies that create jobs and wealth.

A close examination of Barack Obama's record reveals that his tepid leadership falls short of his lofty rhetoric, while his capacity to equivocate rivals his tendency to obfuscate. His record is thin and his policies dangerous. America must not elect Barack Obama the next president of the United States.

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Lack of voting requirements is reckless

BY ALYSSA KRAG-ARNOLD

Americans are fueled by a sense of entitlement. Many of us, having never struggled for the rights and opportunities afforded to us, are content to indifferently reap the benefits. As this election season comes to a close, it's time to look at one of the most basic rights granted by our country: voting.

In the eyes of the U.S. Constitution, all men are created equal. I take no issue with that; the guarantee of fundamental human rights is a distinguishing characteristic of our national identity. But it's time to acknowledge that maybe, just maybe, we need to rethink America's voting requirements.

Perhaps you've seen these statistics before, but regardless, they warrant repeating: In 2007, 33 percent of Americans still thought Saddam Hussein was involved in 9/11. Despite Al Gore's movie and the media attention to climate change, 40 percent believe there is significant disagreement among scientists regarding the existence global warming, and 29 percent believe it is caused by natural environmental changes. Perhaps due to catchy political chants ("Drill, baby, drill!"), 51 percent believe that offshore drilling will lower gas prices by 2009.

The history teachers of America will hang their heads in shame and frustration: Only 40 percent of Americans can name the three branches of governments. Twenty-five percent know the term of a U.S. senator is six years, and only 20 percent of Americans know there are 100 senators.

In 2007, after five years in Iraq, only 21 percent could name the secretary of defense. Forty-nine percent of Americans believe that the president can suspend the Constitution; 25 percent can name at least two freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment, but more than 50 percent can name at least two members of the Simpsons family on television. Thirty-four percent know that Congress declares war; 76 percent can't name two justices on the Supreme Court.

Civic ignorance isn't merely confined to the rural corners of Idaho or Kansas: A 2007 Intercollegiate Studies Institute report found that 15,000 college students at 50 schools nationwide scored on average under 55 percent on a test of basic American civics.

The political ignorance of the American public extends far beyond what clever statistics can reveal. It is not just ignorance of basic facts and events that's striking but the disinclination to become more informed. It is the stubborn desire to cling to our beliefs regardless of what the facts reveal. It is the inability to look beyond politicians and policies that serve only to grant our most immediate and superficial demands. It is the irrationality of choosing leaders based on personality, skin color or gender. It is the susceptibility to politicians exploiting stereotypes and repeating meaningless catchphrases.

Attempt, for a moment, to disregard the unconditionally democratic values that you have been instilled with since birth. From a purely objective standpoint, the lack of voting requirements is reckless. The leaders of one of the most politically, economically and militarily powerful countries in world history are being selected by a fickle, ignorant and indifferent electorate.

In order to simply become a licensed driver in the United States, I had to offer proof of my capability to operate a moving vehicle. I sat through hours of driver education and behind-the-wheel training to hone my skills and took both a written and practical test. Yet to become a voter in the United States and have a voice in deciding the way in which the United States should be governed, why did I merely need to fill out a simple form with my name and address?

Voting is an exercise that entails significant results and as such, should have basic conditions attached to its use.

I propose some standards. Nothing exceedingly difficult — just a basic civics test that would require voters to prove their knowledge (or perhaps disprove their ignorance?) about the American political system and current events, both global and national.

I realize, of course, that such a test is hardly practical or unbiased; it would reduce the already dismal voter turnout and skew the electorate to allow only those who can afford to pursue higher education and spend time reading the news. Nonetheless, Americans are by and large unqualified to be casting ballots this November, and that must change.

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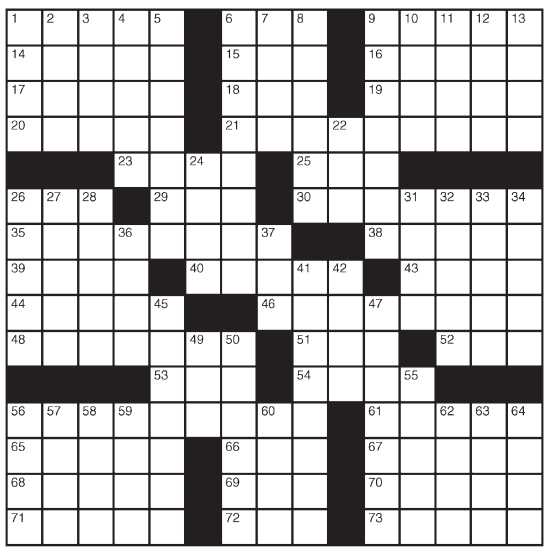

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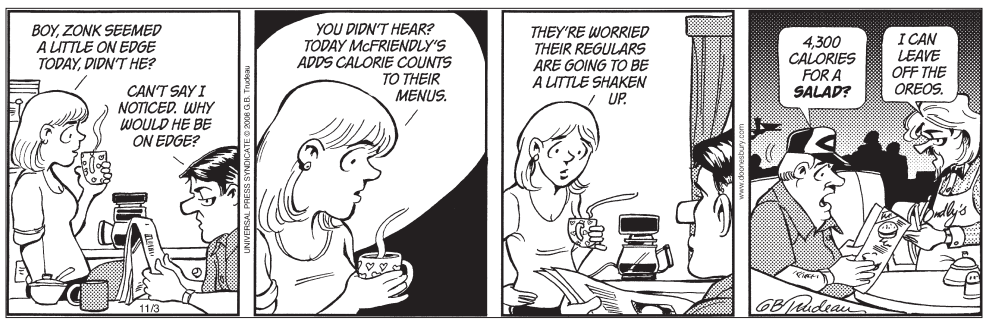

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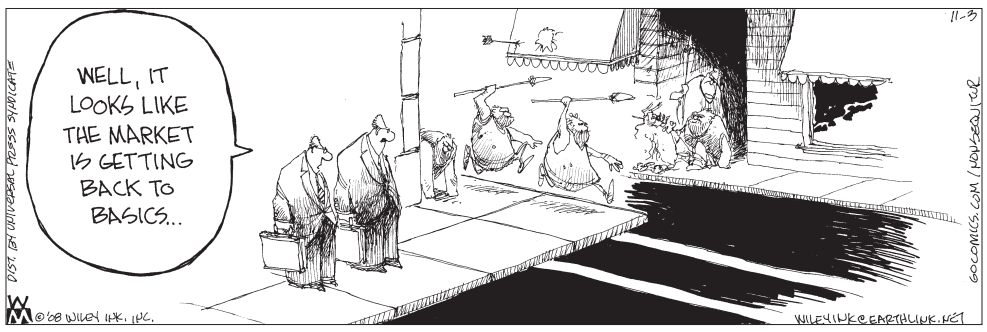

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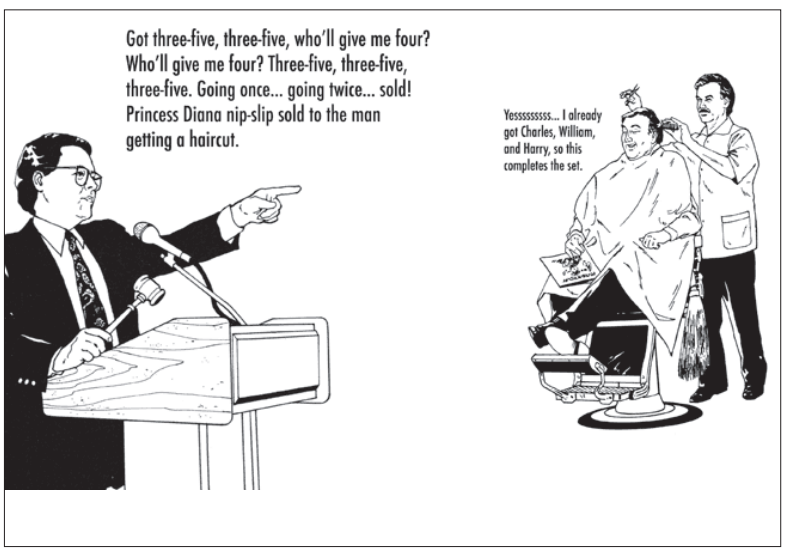

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Solution to Friday's puzzle

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FOOTBALL

D's day: Tufts defense locks down Colby on Senior Day

BY ALEX PREWITT
Senior Staff Writer

Before the football team's Sept. 20 season opener against Wesleyan, coach Bill Samko promised that his top two quarterbacks, juniors Anthony Fucillo and Tom McManama, would both see action. And when McManama failed to take one snap during Tufts' contest against the Cardinals, Samko stressed that the team's win was far more important than individuals' playing time.

FOOTBALL
(4-3 NESCAC)
Zimman Field, Saturday

Colby	0	0	7	3	—	10
Tufts	**0**	**7**	**0**	**10**	**—**	**17**

But when Fucillo went down with a shoulder injury in Saturday's game against Colby, it was McManama's turn to step up, and this time the backup was the hero.

McManama entered at the start of the fourth quarter with the Jumbos and Mules knotted at 7-7, and the offense responded with two quick scoring drives, giving Tufts a permanent lead and an eventual 17-10 win on Senior Day at Zimman Field.

McManama had previously stepped under center just once this fall, going 2 for 4 with an interception against Bates on Sept. 27. When his number was called this Saturday, the junior stepped up in a big way. McManama responded immediately to Fucillo's departure, hooking up with senior receiver David Halas for 27 yards on his first pass of the game.

He then found senior wideout Asmerom Adhanom for 20 yards on the next play, and the Jumbo offense later converted a fourth-and-three with a nifty seven-yard pass to senior tight end Max Cassidy. The drive concluded with freshman Adam Auerbach's 34-yard field goal, giving the Jumbos a three-point cushion.

It was the next drive which made McManama's first collegiate win all the more special. With 9:03 left in the fourth quarter, Halas burned the defense up the left sideline, and McManama unleashed

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VOLLEYBALL

Ten-acious: Jumbos sweep conference with 10-0 record

BY EVAN COOPER
Daily Staff Writer

After polishing off its final two matches against league rivals Wesleyan and Trinity, the volleyball team secured the NESCAC regular-season title and the right to host the NESCAC Tournament with an unblemished 10-0 conference record.

VOLLEYBALL
(27-2, 10-0 NESCAC)
Middletown, Conn., Saturday

Tufts	**25**	**26**	**25**	**—**	**3**
Triniity	23	24	10	—	0

Middletown, Conn., Friday

Tufts	**25**	**25**	**22**	**25**	**—**	**3**
Wesleyan	22	22	25	21	—	1

"[Hosting NESCACs] is something I have wanted to do since freshman year," senior Maya Ripecky said. "Since that year we have not reached such a high level, but now we have."

The Jumbos took on Trinity at noon on Saturday, looking to close the books on a record year for the squad. The first two sets were close contests that saw Tufts win by narrow margins of 25-23 and 26-24. The final set, though, was the exclamation point at the end of this chapter of the season, as the Jumbos cruised to a 25-10 win and a 27-2 overall record.

Leading the team offensively was sophomore Dawson Joyce-Mendive with 14 kills.

"We came out and could have dominated all three games," Joyce-Mendive said. "We just wanted to come into NESCACs with everyone scared of us."

Freshman Lexi Nicholas, senior tri-captain Kate Denniston and sophomore Caitlin Updike all got in on the action as well, posting a combined 19 kills. Joyce-Mendive also put up five digs in the dominant win.

The Jumbos' defense was steered by senior tri-captain Natalie Goldstein and Ripecky with 16 and 12 digs, respectively.

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JAMES CHOCA/TUFTS DAILY
Sophomore Caitlin Updike attempts a serve during Wednesday's straight set win over Worcester State. She tallied 18 kills in weekend victories.

DAILY DIGITS: Field Hockey Edition

The field hockey team earned a 4-3 upset win over No. 1 Bowdoin in Brunswick, Maine on Friday evening to complete a perfect 14-0 regular season and record one of the greatest wins by any Tufts team in school history. The Jumbos followed by winning their NESCAC Tournament opener against Colby 5-1 yesterday on Bello Field. A look inside the numbers:

21
Goals scored by sophomore forward Tamara Brown in 2008, a single-season program record. The previous mark was 18, set by Ileana Casellas-Katz (LA '08).

15
Wins for the Jumbos in 2008, a new single-season program record. Last year's squad tied the previous record of 13.

1
Jumbos' seeding in the NESCAC Tournament, their highest ever in the eight-year history of the event. Along with the top seed, Tufts also earned the right to host the tournament.

3
Nationally ranked top 10 teams the Jumbos have beaten this year, all on the road. They were: then-No. 3 Middlebury, then-No. 9 Trinity and No. 1 Bowdoin.

On heels of Friday's thriller, Jumbos advance in NESCAC tourney

BY MICHAEL SPERA
Daily Staff Writer

The field hockey team showed no signs of an emotional hangover when it took to Bello Field for its NESCAC Tournament opener yesterday. Following its monumental victory over nationally ranked No. 1 Bowdoin Friday night, top-seeded Tufts cruised to a 5-1 victory over eighth-seeded Colby and ensured that the road to a conference championship will pass through Medford, Mass.

FIELD HOCKEY
(15-0, 9-0 NESCAC)
NESCAC Tournament First Round
Bello Field, Yesterday

Colby	1	0	—	1
Tufts	**2**	**3**	**—**	**5**

With the win, the Jumbos improved to 15-0, adding to the program's single-season wins record set on Friday. In addition, the team broke its record for longest winning streak of 14 games, set during the 1982-83 season.

But Tufts didn't get off to the strongest of starts, allowing the heavy underdog Mules to control possession and keep the ball in the Jumbos' backfield for the first 10 minutes. For the second time in as many games, Tufts found itself down in the first half after Colby senior quad-captain Mary Clare Snediker touched in a pass from sophomore forward Meryl Poulin.

But the Mules' momentum vanished on a Tufts penalty corner minutes later, as sophomore forward Tamara Brown tied the game on a feed from senior tri-captain Tess Jasinski.

"We were playing frantically for the first 10 minutes," junior midfielder Margi Scholtes said. "We

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LAURA SCHULTZ/TUFTS DAILY
Senior tri-captain Tess Jasinski recorded three assists in Tufts' first-round NESCAC Tournament victory over Colby yesterday on Bello Field. The undefeated and top-seeded Jumbos will take on No. 5-seeded Trinity in the semifinals Saturday.

NESCAC

FIELD HOCKEY: TUF 4, BOW 3 - BAT 3, COL 2 (OT) - AMH 1, TRI 0 (OT) - CON 4, WES 3 (OT) - MID 3, WIL 2 (OT). **FIELD HOCKEY (NESCAC TOURNAMENT QUARTERFINALS):** TUF 5, COL 1 - BOW 5, BAT 2 - MID 2, WIL 1 - TRI 1, AMH 0. **MEN'S SOCCER:** TUF 3, BOW 1 - MID 1, WIL 0 - WES 2, CON 0 - BAT 2, COL 1 - AMH 2, TRI 1 (OT). **MEN'S SOCCER (NESCAC TOURNAMENT QUARTERFINALS):** MID 3, BOW 0 - AMH 2, WES 0 - TRI 2, TUF 0 - WIL 3, BAT 1. **WOMEN'S SOCCER:** TUF 2, BOW 1 - WIL 1, MID 0 - WES 2, CON 1 - COL 1, BAT 0 (OT) - AMH 3, TRI 0. **WOMEN'S SOCCER (NESCAC TOURNAMENT QUARTERFINALS):** WIL 4, COL 0 - AMH 1, WES 0 - MID 2, TRI 0 - BOW 0, TUF 0 (BOW 4-2, PK). **VOLLEYBALL:** TUF 3, WES 1 - TUF 3, TRI 0 - WIL 3, COL 0 - AMH 3, CON 1 - BAT 3, HAM 1 - MID 3, BOW 0 - WIL 3, BOW 1 - COL 3, HAM 1 - WES 3, AMH 1 - MID 3, BAT 1 - BOW 3, HAM 0 - BOW 3, HAM 0 - WIL 3, BAT 0 - MID 3, COL 1. **FOOTBALL:** TUF 17, COL 10 - BOW 55, BAT 14 - MID 31, HAM 28 - TRI 30, AMH 13 - WIL 48, WES 14.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

History repeats itself as penalty kicks dispatch Jumbos from NESCACs

ANDREW MORGENTHALER/TUFTS DAILY

Freshman Jenna Castellot puts a move on a Bowdoin defender during Tufts' 0-0 penalty-kick loss to the Polar Bears in the first round of the NESCAC Tournament yesterday on Kraft Field. Castellot notched the first goal of her career Friday against the same Bowdoin squad during Tufts' 2-1 win in Brunswick, Maine.

BY BRIAN COMENITZ
Contributing Writer

For the second straight season, the NESCAC Tournament came down to penalty kicks for the women's soccer team. And for the second year, Bowdoin ended Tufts' conference playoff run prematurely with a 4-2 edge in the shootout.

WOMEN'S SOCCER
(8-5-1, 5-4 NESCAC)
NESCAC Tournament First Round
Kraft Field, Yesterday

			OT	2OT		
Tufts	0	0	0	0	—	0
Bowdoin	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**—**	**0**

Bowdoin advances on penalty kicks, 4-2.

Brunswick, Maine, Friday

Tufts	**0**	**2**	**—**	**2**
Bowdoin	1	0	—	1

Although the Jumbos outshot the Polar Bears 24-8 yesterday, launching 15 shots at Polar Bear senior goalie Kelly Thomas, they were unable to convert the scoring opportunities and the game ended in a double-overtime 0-0 tie.

"Soccer is a funny game like that," coach Martha Whiting said. "Sometimes you can outshoot a team 24-8 and still not put the ball in the back of the net. But I feel proud of the girls because they worked as hard as they could for the entire game, the 90-minute regulation and then the 20 minutes of overtime, and you really can't ask for more than that as a coach."

On Friday, Tufts beat Bowdoin 2-1 in the final game of the regular season, a victory that propelled Tufts past the Polar Bears in the NESCAC standings, allowing the No. 4-seeded Jumbos to host the fifth-seeded Bowdoin squad at home during the tournament's opening round yesterday.

During Friday's contest, freshman forward Jenna Castellot netted her first points of the season, gaining her first assist on a goal from junior Ali Maxwell 15 minutes into the second half to tie the game at one apiece. Three minutes later she scored her first collegiate goal on a breakaway shot to give Tufts the win.

"We wanted to play our game and to play hard and play the way we know we can play," Whiting said. "We had success against them on Friday, and we felt like if we came out and did some of the same things and tried to

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MEN'S SOCCER

Tufts falls in first round of playoffs after second shutout loss to Trinity

BY DAVID HECK
Daily Editorial Board

A week ago, the men's soccer team traveled to Trinity with hopes of breaking away from the bottom of the NESCAC standings and ensuring itself a spot in the conference playoffs. But the Jumbos' offense proved anemic, and they fell to the Bantams 1-0 as sophomore Peter Marlette scored the game-winning goal 10 minutes into overtime.

MEN'S SOCCER
(8-6-1, 4-5 NESCAC)
NESCAC Tournament First Round
Hartford, Conn., Yesterday

Tufts	0	0	— 0
Trinity	**1**	**1**	**— 2**

Brunswick, Maine, Friday

Tufts	**1**	**2**	**— 3**
Bowdoin	0	1	— 1

This weekend, the story was similar. After defeating Bowdoin 3-1 on the road in a crucial victory on Friday to earn the No. 6 seed in the NESCAC Tournament, the Jumbos were back in Hartford, Conn. yesterday for a rematch with the nationally ranked No. 22 Bantams in the quarterfinals.

And once again, the offense failed to deliver, as Trinity blanked Tufts 2-0.

"I think we all thought we had a good matchup," senior tri-captain Dave McKeon said. "We were excited; we thought we could beat them. It was a matchup we all wanted."

"We were excited to make the playoffs," junior tri-captain Bear Duker said. "We did a great job winning Friday when we had to. We didn't care who we were playing, but we thought we matched up well with Trinity, so we were happy."

Unfortunately for the Jumbos, the game did not turn out the way they had initially hoped, as they suffered their fifth conference shutout loss of the season.

Marlette again led the Bantam attack, using fancy footwork to take the ball up the right sideline to the Tufts goal in the 20th minute. McKeon saved Marlette's shot as well as a second, but Trinity senior forward Nick Cantone turned around a second rebound and gave the Bantams a 1-0 lead that they did not relinquish.

"The kick came in and I hit it out, but unluckily it went right to one of their players," McKeon said. "He shot and it barely got over the goal line before I saved it. The guy made a great play to get it in; it was an unlucky goal, but I guess they deserved it."

Trinity tallied an insurance goal in the 77th minute when junior midfielder Chris Doran netted an easy goal after putting a move on a Tufts defender with McKeon out of position. Both Marlette and Cantone tallied assists on the play.

"They got behind us somehow," McKeon said. "I made a decision to come out, and he made a pass to an open guy and he put it away."

Despite the final score, Tufts was not without opportunities. Junior forward Dan Schoening, the lead Jumbo goal-scorer this season, attempted a shot from 18 yards away on an open net when a Trinity defender fell down and senior goalie Zac Trudeau was caught out of position. But the shot sailed over the top of the goalpost.

The Jumbos also controlled the ball for a great deal of the second half, as Doran's goal was Trinity's only shot attempt in the frame. But as was the case throughout the day, the Jumbos could not take advantage, missing all six of their second-half shots. In the game, the Jumbos fired 11 shots, only four of which were on goal.

Trinity took 14 shots in the contest, including 13 in the first half, eight of which were on goal. McKeon finished with six saves to Trudeau's four, but Trudeau recorded the shutout victory.

"We had a couple good

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Athletes of the Week

MICHELLE KELLY, FIELD HOCKEY

JAMES CHOCA/TUFTS DAILY

Junior forward Michelle Kelly was the leader of the Jumbo offense in a major weekend for the field hockey team, coming up big in key situations in a pair of games and scoring a total of three goals.

During No. 4 Tufts' historic road win over No. 1 Bowdoin Friday, Kelly's two goals provided half of the Jumbo offense in the squad's 4-3 upset win over the defending national champions. Kelly scored twice for Tufts, both times adding padding to a one-goal lead. Up until that game, Bowdoin had given up two goals to an entire team just once this season.

Her first-half goal, which came at the 31:03 mark off an assist from sophomore forward Tamara Brown, widened a 2-1 Tufts lead to 3-1, and when the Bears drew closer before halftime, Kelly pulled the Jumbos away again. An unassisted goal at the 47:22 mark was all the insurance the Jumbos would need.

In Tufts' first-round playoff win over Colby, a Kelly goal gave the Jumbos the lead for good along the way to a 5-1 win. With the game tied 1-1 at the 29:12 mark in the first half, Kelly took a pass from senior tri-captain Tess Jasinski and put the team ahead 2-1. From there, Tufts ran away with the win in the second half.

Kelly is now the Jumbos' third-leading scorer with 13 goals and two assists for 28 total points.

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JESSE FALLER, MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Junior Jesse Faller finished third among 119 runners at the 2008 NESCAC Men's Cross Country Championship hosted by Bates at Pineland Farms Saturday. Faller finished with a time of 25:43 but was edged out by one second for the runner-up position by junior Edgar Kosgey of Williams. Nevertheless, his score led the Jumbos to fourth place among 11 conference teams at the event with 129 points. Tufts finished well behind third-place Amherst (93 points) but only barely trumped fifth-place Conn. College (130).

Faller has developed into one of the top runners in the NESCAC, as he was the first Div. III finisher at the Open New England Championships three weeks ago. His other accomplishments this year include winning the 41st annual Codfish Bowl held at Franklin Park in Boston and taking fourth place overall among 148 runners at the Trinity Invitational to start the season.

Last year, Faller took 12th place at NESCACs before turning in a third-place performance at the NCAA New England Championship. He was the only member of the team to earn All-American honors, finishing 18th at the NCAA Championship in Minnesota.

This year, the Jumbos hope that Faller will continue to perform well in the late-season races, as the success of the team hinges greatly upon his performances.

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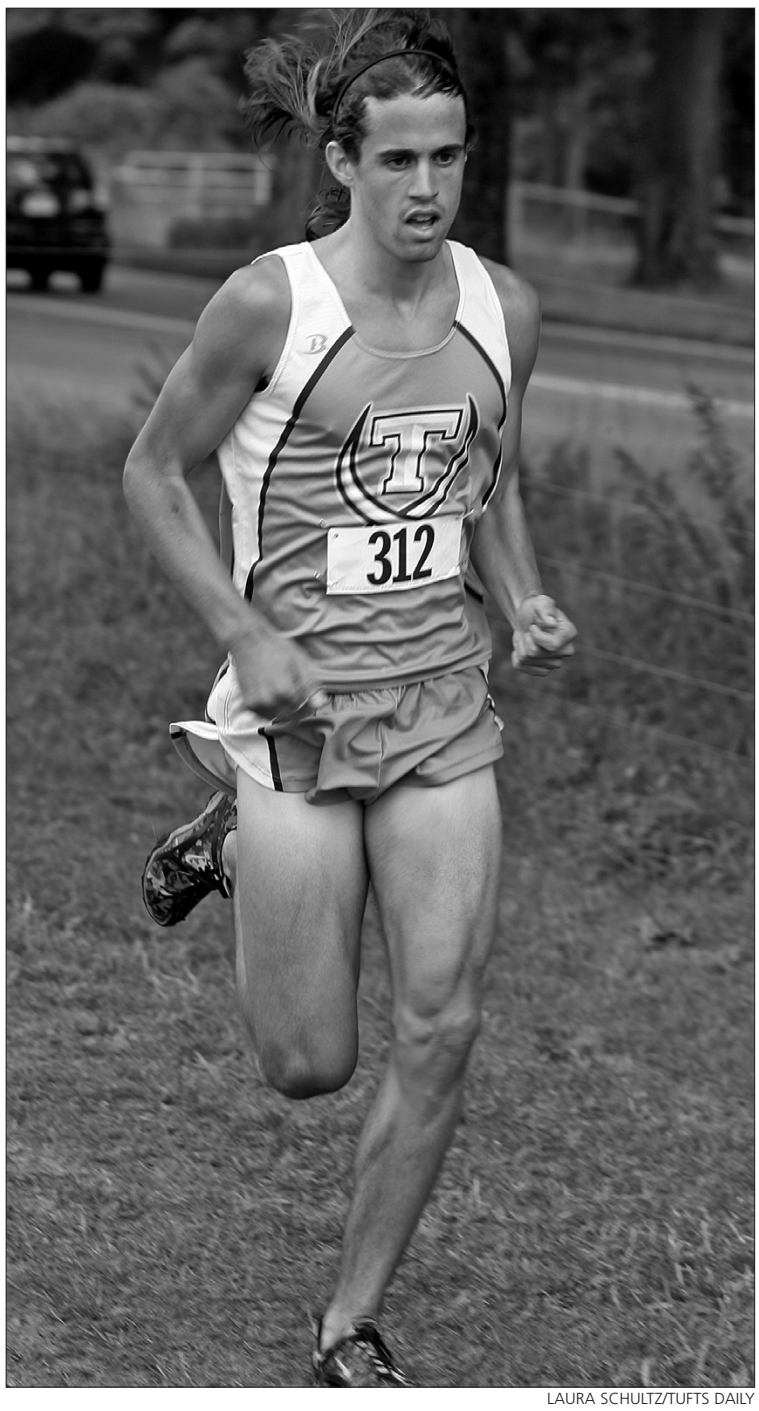

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Junior co-captain Nick Welch, shown here racing earlier this season, finished seventh at the NESCAC Championship Saturday.

Men's cross country team claims fourth at Saturday's NESCACs race

Faller and Welch garner All-Conference First Team honors

BY LAUREN FLAMENT
Daily Staff Writer

It was a close race at the top, and mere seconds made all the difference for the men's cross country team's frontrunners at Saturday's NESCAC Championship race, hosted by Bates.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
NESCAC XC Championships
New Gloucester, Maine, Saturday

4th out of 11 teams (8k)

3. Jesse Faller, 25:43
7. Nick Welch, 26:07
19. Ryan Lena, 26:27
51. Jerzy Eisenberg-Guyot, 27:17
58. Jeff Ragazzini, 27:26

While Williams junior Edgar Kosgey robbed junior Jesse Faller of the runner-up position, running a 25:42 to Faller's 25:43, junior co-captain Nick Welch just managed to edge Conn. College sophomore Shawn Mulcahy to secure seventh place, running a 26:07 to Mulcahy's 26:08 mark. The Jumbos needed that point over the Camels, as they narrowly beat out the Conn. College squad, 129 to 130 to earn fourth place overall.

Hamilton junior Peter Kosgei won the race for the second year in a row, finishing 35 seconds ahead of the pack at 25:07 and setting a new course record in the process. By finishing in the top seven, both Faller and Welch earned First Team All-NESCAC.

"I mostly wanted to get out well and always be in at least the top 15 for the first half of the race and then move up inside the top 10 by four miles [in], and that was more or less how it played out," Welch said. "We all got off the line really well, and Jesse and I were together for most of the first half of the race. Then it started to split a little bit, but I was able to move up in the second half and pick off guys all the way up to seventh."

Junior Ryan Lena was Tufts' third finisher, crossing the line in 26:27 in 19th.

"Ryan Lena really stepped up, and this was probably one of the strongest races we've seen out of him this year," coach Ethan Barron said. "I think he's really ready to take a step forward in the next couple of weeks and be a big piece at the regional level."

"Ryan had really a breakout race," Welch said. "I think he had probably been expecting to be within the top 35 or so, and to end up 19th, he ran a very smart race, moving up the entire time. He wasn't even running in this race last year, and now he finished 19th and is definitely looking to be All-Region in two weeks."

Sophomores Jerzy Eisenberg-Guyot and Jeff Ragazzini finished 51st and 58th, respectively, to finish off the scoring. Eisenberg-Guyot, Ragazzini and sophomore Chris Brunnquell, who was Tufts' sixth finisher in 65th place, successfully executed the team's pack running strategy.

"The goal is to try to [run in packs], and it's not always able to be done perfectly, but I was very pleased with the level of pack running [the team] did," Barron said. "I thought the guys did a great job of cueing off of each other and supporting each other out there … As a whole, I think the team really raced to strategy and had a very successful meet by our definition."

The team's biggest test will be at the Nov. 15 NCAA New England Championship meet, where Tufts will face off against the NESCAC schools again as well as the other Div. III schools in the region to compete for a chance to attend Nationals.

With strong non-conference programs such as the nationally ranked top-30 MIT, Keene State and Brandeis, all of which are seeded ahead of Tufts in the region, the Jumbos will need to be upset-minded heading into the race if they hope to secure a team berth to Nationals.

But with the team's recent history, the Jumbos shouldn't be worried. Last year, Tufts placed fifth at NESCACs and went on to claim third at Regionals, while the year before, it placed eighth at NESCACs and fifth at Regionals.

"We have a history of stepping it up after NESCACs," Barron said. "Basically the last couple years we've moved up at least two places in the Regionals meet [from the

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WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

McNamara's runner-up finish leads team to fourth-place showing

BY CARLY HELFAND
Daily Editorial Board

Knowing it will have to upset at least one regional foe at the Nov. 15 New England Championships to earn a team bid to Nationals, the women's cross country squad entered Saturday's NESCAC Championships, hosted by Bates, looking to do just that.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
NESCAC XC Championships
New Gloucester, Maine, Saturday

4th out of 11 teams (6k)

2. Stephanie McNamara 22:17
11. Amy Wilfert, 22:36
43. Amy Hopkins, 23:55
50. Anya Price, 24:11
55. Lisa Picascia, 24:17

The results appeared promising. Backed by sophomore Stephanie McNamara, who tucked a second-place finish under her belt to add to her impressive season résumé, the Jumbos knocked off national No. 10 Amherst, tallying 139 points to edge the Lord Jeffs by four.

"We were very happy that we were able to beat Amherst," freshman Anya Price said. "They might have had an off day yesterday, but that still gives us the confidence that we can beat them in two weeks, and I think that's really an important confidence boost — not only that we can beat them, but they're looking at the results, too, and they're thinking 'Oh, Tufts is putting together a pretty strong team.'"

Colby, whom the Jumbos are also eyeing as a potential team to beat, finished third with 125, while the league's big guns — Williams and Middlebury, ranked third and fifth in the country respectively — each took 48 points to tie for the NESCAC title.

"We're going to have to really go for Colby," McNamara said. "They have something that we don't right now — that depth that we don't have — but I don't think it's impossible. I think Middlebury and Williams are really untouchable right now, but [with] Colby it's definitely a possibility that we'll be able to get them two weeks from now."

McNamara was the highlight for the team once again, falling only to Amherst senior quad-captain Elise Tropiano, who was the only NESCAC rival to beat her two weeks ago at All-New England Championships, with a 22:17 clip. Although Tropiano trumped McNamara's time by 28 seconds, pulling in a 21:49 to set the course record in its women's 6k debut, the two were neck-and-neck through much of the race.

"My strategy was to go out easy and let her take the lead, and I think she had the exact same strategy as I did," McNamara said. "In the first almost two miles, we really were just kind of sitting there. No one really knew what to do. She kept surging on me a little bit and just playing games seeing if I would take the lead, and I didn't … At like two miles she started to make a move and I just went with her. We broke away from the pack at that point … [We] really started to pick it up a lot in the last two miles."

But after gunning for two miles, McNamara was unable to keep up with Tropiano as she made her final push.

"I just couldn't respond after running two miles extremely hard," McNamara said. "I was happy I was able to stay with her for most of it. I think I learned a lot from this race. Two weeks from now I'm going to go out not ridiculously fast, but also I learned that going out in a six-minute mile isn't great. It really just wears you down the rest of the race."

Sophomore Amy Wilfert, who has been key for the Jumbos this season in the No. 2 spot, also ran an outstanding race, with her time of 22:36 narrowly missing the top 10 and securing her an 11th-place showing.

"They've been good for the whole team," Price said of McNamara and Wilfert. "Not only do they work themselves so hard — they're out there pushing themselves to the best of their abilities — but they focus so much on trying to use their ability to try to create a more cohesive team, which is really important."

But while the Jumbos had managed to shave some time off the gap that falls between Wilfert and their No. 3 runner, senior Amy Hopkins, in recent races, this week Hopkins finished over a minute behind Wilfert, running a 23:55 that earned her 43rd place. Behind her were Price in 50th and junior Lisa Picascia in 55th rounding out the Jumbo scoring.

"Amy Hopkins has been sick recently, and I think that's what really ended up hurting her in this race,"

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Sophomore Stephanie McNamara, seen here at the Jumbo Invitational, took second place at the NESCAC Championship hosted by Bates on Saturday.

Pass-happy Middlebury Panthers await Jumbos in finale of 2008 season

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a bomb from 34 yards out that settled quietly into his receiver's arms for the touchdown. The play gave the Jumbos a 10-point margin that they would not relinquish. "When I came in, all I had to do was just protect the ball, make plays and get a score," McManama said. "They didn't bring their safeties over on a couple of plays, so I just found the soft spots in their defense."

"All I know is that Tom has a cannon," said Halas, who hauled in seven passes for 101 yards on the afternoon. "He told me that if I got open on the long ball, he'd get it to me. Today he kept his word."

For Halas, a two-touchdown game added to his already historic single-season stat line. The fourth-quarter TD, along with a seven-yard touchdown catch from Fucillo midway through the second frame, extended his single-season Tufts record to 10 and his career record to 18.

"I'd take touchdowns from anyone, from [senior runningback Will] Forde, from Black, as long as we got a win," Halas said. "But when my number is called, I just want to find the end zone."

Give credit to the offense where credit is due, but neither of Halas' touchdowns would have come without crucial stops by the defense. Halas' second score came on the heels of junior cornerback Andrew Elfman's interception on the drive following Auerbach's field goal. Elfman streaked to the ball from the far sideline, snaring it out of the air across the middle of the field and returning it to the Colby 33. Two plays later, Halas hauled in McManama's bomb to secure the win.

"It was just a classic Tufts-Colby game, always coming down to the wire," Colby coach Ed Mestieri said. "It was close to the vest for the first half, especially since both programs preach a very physical style of play."

The physical play was exhibited primarily by the Tufts defense, which battered and bruised the Mules' offense throughout the afternoon. Senior tri-captain linebacker Tyson Reynoso had 10 tackles and sealed the victory with his first collegiate interception late in the fourth quarter.

"We just played defense the way we know we could play," Reynoso said. "With all of those three-and-outs, we kept stepping up in a big way. Every one of those gave our offense more time on the field, letting them drive and eat time off the clock."

All told, Colby was held to 35 yards on the ground and just 117 through the air. Mules freshman quarterback Nick Kmetz, despite completing 54 percent of his passes in his first collegiate start, threw two interceptions that gave Tufts the momentum it needed for McManama to dispatch Colby.

The Mules were just two for 14 on third-down conversions and averaged a meager 1.2 yards-per-rush. But the most telling statistic of Tufts' defensive effort is that Colby senior punter Victor Gagne had 97 more yards punting than his team had total offense. The lone blemish on the Jumbos' defensive effort came in the third quarter, when Kmetz danced and side-stepped his way up the right sideline for an 11-yard touchdown for Colby's only trip to the end zone on the day.

"They had a good QB, and he made some good passes, so I have to give him some credit," Reynoso said. "On film we thought it was a different quarterback, but they ended up running the same schemes, so it didn't change our game plan at all. We just came up big when we needed to."

On the offensive end, Tufts racked up 348 yards of total offense in the final home game for 19 seniors. Fucillo and McManama combined for 258 yards through the air and two scores, completing a combined 58 percent of their passes. Forde, who had rushed for 100-or-more yards in each of Tufts' first five contests, was held below the century mark for the second straight game, rushing for 56 yards on 23 carries. But Forde proved to be effective in the passing game as a dump-off option, hauling in five passes for 45 yards.

It was a defensive struggle throughout the first quarter as both teams tried to find their rhythm on offense. Tufts entered the Mules' red zone on its first two possessions, but an interception and a missed field goal left the score knotted at zero. Late in the second quarter, Fucillo found his groove before giving way to McManama.

"You have to tip your hats off to Tufts," Mestieri said. "[McManama] really provided a spark for them. They are a good team, and they played better than we did this week."

With the win, Tufts improves to 4-3 on the season and remains undefeated at home. It is the first time since 1991 that the Jumbos have put up an untainted record at Zimman Field.

Tufts hits the road this Saturday to take on Middlebury, who boasts the top scoring and passing offense in the NESCAC. The two teams are currently in a tie for fourth place in the conference and, while the Panthers have a stellar passing game, their pass defense ranks last in the league. For now, though, the Jumbos are free to bask in the glory of last Saturday's Senior Day win.

"It was a good win for us, even though we made it harder on ourselves than we should have," Samko said. "I'm trying to not be too emotional with the seniors, but it was great to come out and get that win for them. We were so close to having a great year as opposed to a 4-3 one, because the seniors all deserve to win year-round and career-long. This win we earned."

"This last home game is especially sentimental, walking out onto that field for the final time," Halas said. "Having a game like this is something I'm going to look fondly back on. It was a nice conclusion to my athletics career at home, but we have to take care of business next week at Middlebury."

LAURA SCHULTZ/TUFTS DAILY

Junior line backer Alex Perry comes up with a tackle as senior tri-captain and linebacker Tyson Reynoso looks on during Tufts' 17-10 win over the Mules.

LAURA SCHULTZ/TUFTS DAILY

Junior quarterback Anthony Fucillo notched a touchdown and an interception before leaving the game with a shoulder injury. Classmate Tom McManama subsequently took over under center and led the Jumbos to victory, completing six of nine attempts for 94 yards and a score.

Jumbos end season with sixth 2008 NESCAC loss

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opportunities but didn't put them away; Trinity put away two of theirs," Duker said. "We've been up and down this year, but we've come on strong lately. It's just too bad we couldn't score today."

Tufts finishes the season 8-6-1, with all six of the losses coming against NESCAC opponents. Trinity improves to 11-4 and will advance to the semifinals of the conference tourney for the first time in school history. All of the top seeds advanced through the first round, and No. 3-seeded Trinity will take on No. 2 Amherst while No. 1 Middlebury will face No. 4 Williams Saturday at Middlebury. The winners of those matchups will square off Sunday for the NESCAC title.

"I think that it's a very disappointing way to end my career," McKeon said. "We had a great team this year. We know we could've done more than just going here, but we had a great time and it was a great group of guys and I'm excited to see what comes of future seasons."

Top-seeded Tufts, seven other teams head to Cousens Friday to begin weekend of NESCAC Tournament play

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The tenser weekend matchup was the Jumbos' Friday night contest against Wesleyan, which held second place in the NESCAC at just one game behind Tufts. The NESCAC regular-season title and the right to host the playoffs both hinged upon the outcome of this game.

"Coming into the weekend, we had to win to host the NESCACs," junior setter Dena Feiger said after posting 45 assists in the match. "It was huge motivation for us. All the records we can break this year are huge motivation too."

The Jumbos seemed to convert that motivation into momentum right away, taking the first two sets by matching scores of 25-22. Showing just how closely matched the teams are, the next set went to Wesleyan by another 25-22 margin.

"Wesleyan did a good job getting the ball over the net," Ripecky said. "But we did a good job too getting where we needed to be."

The Jumbos took the match with a 25-21 win in the fourth set, officially earning the title of NESCAC season champions for the first time in 12 years.

Leading the Jumbos was the combined defensive force of their four seniors — Goldstein, senior tri-captain Stacy Filocco, Ripecky and Denniston — who combined for 52 digs and three blocks.

"We have had pretty solid defense all year," Ripecky said. "It is one of our biggest strengths."

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>
> Dena Feiger
> **junior**

At the head of the Jumbos' attack once again was Joyce-Mendive with 18 kills. Updike also tallied 12 kills of her own in her best performance since her recent return to the court after an injury. Nicholas was a two-way force with seven kills and two blocks.

"The defense and back row are playing awesome and getting good passes to Dena," Joyce-Mendive said. "We could not do anything without them."

In their first match of the playoffs on Friday, the Jumbos will host the No. 8-seeded Bates Bobcats, whom they beat 3-1 when the teams met in their only contest of the year in September.

"Being at home is a huge advantage because we are familiar with the surroundings," Feiger said. "As long as we keep our energy level up, we can definitely win this weekend."

With the chance to move onto the NCAA Tournament on the line, all the competitors should have an extra bit of edge this weekend when they square off in Cousens Gymnasium.

"We just need to play our game on our side of the net and not worry about the other team," Joyce-Mendive said.

While the undefeated Jumbos are a statistical favorite based on their dominating regular-season conference performance, they do have the chance of facing the experienced defending champion Williams in the second round if both teams advance.

"Every team is posing a huge threat," Feiger said. "If we continue to play as we have all season … then we will be able to win this weekend and get into the NCAA [Tournament]."

Zak's steadiness in net helps quell Bowdoin's second-half charge, allows Jumbos to maintain slim one-goal lead

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undefeated."

Including its wins over then-No. 3 Middlebury on Oct. 11 and then-No. 9 Trinity on Oct. 25, Tufts has now recorded victories over three NESCAC foes ranked in the top 10 this season, all on the road and all in one-goal games.

"It feels amazing," sophomore forward Tamara Brown said. "We worked really hard for this all winter, all spring, all summer, and this is a great reflection of that. We do take it one game at a time, but this game was definitely in the back of our heads. Now we get to host NESCACs, which is something that Tufts has never done before. It's a great way to end the regular season and start the postseason."

What was supposed to be a battle between the top two defensive teams in the NESCAC — Tufts and Bowdoin had allowed a mere 15 combined goals entering Friday's contest — quickly turned into an electrifying shootout, with the squads combining for five goals in the first half alone. Ultimately, the Jumbos' depth made the difference, as the team received scoring from all three of its forwards, Brown and juniors Michelle Kelly and Amanda Russo.

"This is the greatest offensive output we've ever had," senior tri-captain Marlee Kutcher said. "All three of our starting forwards are a huge threat, and they all work together so well. I think this year, more than any other, we just have a will to score. We all want to score and to win so much that we just get it done."

Meanwhile, Tufts contained the Polar Bears' top scoring threat, All-American senior tri-captain Lindsay McNamara, who entered the game with a conference-best 25 goals. The Jumbos held McNamara to just one shot attempt the entire night.

"We just have such a strong team of 23 players, and I think that's what it comes down to at the end of the day," coach Tina McDavitt said. "We're not just relying on one person to get the job done. Tamara, Amanda Russo and Michelle scored for us today. You look at [Bowdoin's] stats and yes, Lindsay McNamara has 25 goals and she's amazing, but the next person has four. [Our top three scorers] now have 19, 12 and 11. I think it's a really well-balanced attack and really well-balanced all over the field."

On their way to the monumental victory, the Jumbos faced an unusual predicament: playing from behind. Just 5:49 into the game, Bowdoin grabbed a 1-0 lead on a goal by junior forward Shavonne Lord, marking the first time all season Tufts had trailed.

The deficit lasted all of six minutes, however, as Brown knotted the score at 1-1 off a penalty corner with 23:04 remaining in the period. Brown's tally was her 19th of 2008, breaking the program's single-season goals record set by her former teammate Ileana Casellas-Katz (LA '08) last year. More importantly, Brown's goal took away any early momentum the Polar Bears had built and prevented Bowdoin from running away with the game early.

"I think we did a great job after they scored," Jasinski said. "That was I think the first time we'd been down all season, and we were able to come back strong and put in a goal right away. I think it just shows how strong we are mentally, the way we were able to just come right back and get it done."

Russo and Kelly then got in on the action, each tallying an unassisted goal that gave Tufts a 3-1 advantage with 3:57 remaining in the period. Bowdoin responded, pulling within one ahead of the first-half buzzer on a goal by senior midfielder Katherine Gormley.

But in the game's 48th minute, Kelly quelled any threat of a comeback, managing an incredible individual effort that culminated in her second goal of the game and the eventual game-winner for Tufts.

"[Senior tri-captain Brittany Holiday] gave me a great pass about 45 yards away from the goal, and I pulled it left and brought it around my defender," Kelly said. "I was able to beat her to the sideline, and as I was bringing it in, the goalie stepped out. I saw an angle, and I was able to slip it by her."

A goal by Bowdoin senior tri-captain Julia King with 6:54 to play made for an anxious final five minutes for the Jumbos. But as had been the case throughout the second half, Bowdoin failed to convert on its opportunities, missing on two penalty corner chances and a potential game-tying shot in the waning minutes.

Freshman goalkeeper Marianna Zak aided the effort, holding a Polar Bear offense that had eight penalty corners in the final 35 minutes to just one second-half goal.

Following yesterday's 5-1 victory over Colby in the first round of the NESCAC Tournament, the top-seeded Jumbos will host No. 5 Trinity in semifinal action on Saturday, having earned home-field advantage for the remainder of the conference tournament. With its remarkable regular season now in the rear-view mirror, Tufts has its sights set on adding to its memorable 2008 campaign.

"Every year our goal has been to host the NESCAC Tournament," Kutcher said. "We never really dreamed of having a perfect season, and this year, those have come hand-in-hand, but we're not going to get complacent. We know that we have a lot of games ahead of us, and we know we have higher goals that we want to reach."

Michael Spera contributed reporting to this article.

Runners must be wary of NESCAC foes at regionals

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NESCAC meet]. It will be difficult to move up from fourth, and I don't think we'll expect to move up two spots, but we are going to do everything we can to put our best race forward at Regionals."

Whether Tufts will finish closer to the second- and third-place teams, Trinity and Amherst, at the Regional meet is hard to say. And while the Jumbos warded off Conn. College this weekend, they'll have to look out for the rest of the league in the regional meet.

"The teams right behind us in fifth and sixth, Conn. College and Middlebury, were very close to us as well," Barron said. "Ultimately we don't have any control over how teams like Trinity and Amherst are going to run. We just have to put our race together and run as well as we can and then hope that the points shake out in our favor."

"Williams is a really solid squad this year, so for us to beat them would take a really strong performance and them giving us some openings," Welch said.

"For every other team in the region, we know that essentially whether or not we beat them depends on our performances, not theirs, and that's a good thing because we feel we can pretty much compete with anything, and that means that we know what we need to do to get to Nationals in Indiana," he said.

Jumbos set sights on Nationals bid

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McNamara said. "She's a much better runner than she performed this weekend. I still think she's got a big race waiting in her that's going to come out, and hopefully it's going to come out at Regionals. I'm not disappointed in her at all that maybe she had an off day."

With two weeks to go until Regionals, Tufts will need to make up that ground if it hopes to return to Nationals as a team after sitting last year out.

"I feel like we're improving on trying to get our packs together," Price said. "In a couple of weeks, we just need to take that and be more aggressive with it. If we have that real aggression, I think it will really come out in two weeks when it's the Div. IIIs and we all know that Nationals is on the line. I think we need to take that adrenaline and use what we've done so far. When we put all those factors together, hopefully we'll have a great performance."

SCHEDULE | Nov. 3 - Nov. 7

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Football						at Middlebury 12:30 p.m.	
Field Hockey						vs. Trinity 11 a.m. NESCAC Semis	NESCAC Championship TBD
Women's Soccer							
Men's Soccer							
Cross Country						ECAC Championship	
Volleyball					vs. Bates 5 p.m. NESCAC Quarterfinals	NESCAC Semifinals TBD	NESCAC Championship TBD
JumboCast						Football	

STATISTICS | STANDINGS

Field Hockey
(15-0, 9-0 NESCAC)

	NESCAC W	NESCAC L	OVERALL W	OVERALL L	OVERALL T
Tufts	**9**	**0**	**15**	**0**	**0**
Bowdoin	7	2	13	2	0
Middlebury	7	2	13	2	0
Amherst	6	3	10	5	0
Trinity	6	3	12	3	0
Williams	3	6	6	9	0
Bates	2	7	6	9	0
Colby	2	7	5	10	0
Conn. Coll.	2	7	6	8	0
Wesleyan	2	7	3	11	0

	G	A	Pts
T. Brown	21	3	45
A. Russo	11	8	30
M. Kelly	13	2	28
B. Holiday	5	3	13
M. Burke	5	1	11
M. Scholtes	2	5	9
I. Lewnard	4	0	8
L. Griffith	3	0	6
T. Jasinksi	0	6	6

Goalkeeping	GA	S	S%
M. Zak	10	32	.762
K. Hyder	4	5	.556

Women's Soccer
(8-5-1, 5-4-0 NESCAC)

	NESCAC W	NESCAC L	NESCAC T	OVERALL W	OVERALL L	OVERALL T
Williams	8	0	1	14	0	1
Amherst	7	0	2	10	1	3
Middlebury	6	3	0	8	5	2
Tufts	**5**	**4**	**0**	**8**	**5**	**1**
Bowdoin	4	3	2	7	4	4
Trinity	4	5	0	9	6	0
Wesleyan	3	5	1	7	6	1
Colby	2	6	1	5	9	1
Bates	2	7	0	6	8	0
Conn. Coll.	0	8	1	4	8	1

	G	A	Pts
A. Maxwell	5	0	10
J. Love-Nichols	4	1	9
S. Nolet	3	3	9
C. Cadigan	3	1	7
F. Gamal	2	3	7
B. Morgan	2	0	4
W. Hardy	1	2	4
J. Castellot	1	1	3
A. Michael	0	3	3

Goalkeeping	GA	S	S%
K. Minnehan	3	15	.833
H. Jacobs	7	34	.829

Men's Soccer
(8-6-1, 4-5-0 NESCAC)

	NESCAC W	NESCAC L	NESCAC T	OVERALL W	OVERALL L	OVERALL T
Middlebury	6	1	2	12	1	2
Amherst	5	3	1	10	3	2
Trinity	5	4	0	11	4	0
Williams	4	4	1	8	5	2
Bates	4	5	0	9	6	0
Tufts	**4**	**5**	**0**	**8**	**6**	**1**
Wesleyan	3	4	2	5	8	2
Bowdoin	4	5	0	6	8	0
Colby	3	5	1	7	6	1
Conn. Coll.	3	5	1	5	7	1

	G	A	Pts
D. Schoening	8	1	17
R. Coleman	3	1	7
P. DeGregorio	2	3	7
A. Lach	1	4	6
M. Fitzgerald	2	1	5
P. Doherty	2	0	4
B. Duker	1	1	3
B. Green	1	1	3
M. Blumenthal	1	1	3

Goalkeeping	GA	S	S%
P. Tonelli	2	16	.889
D. McKeon	15	80	.842

Volleyball
(27-2, 10-0 NESCAC)

	NESCAC W	NESCAC L	OVERALL W	OVERALL L
Tufts	**10**	**0**	**27**	**2**
Wesleyan	8	2	20	6
Amherst	8	2	20	7
Williams	7	3	22	12
Middlebury	6	4	15	10
Conn. Coll.	6	4	18	11
Bowdoin	4	6	17	16
Bates	2	8	15	17
Colby	2	8	12	15
Trinity	2	8	13	12
Hamilton	0	10	10	22

Offensive	Kills	SA
D. Joyce-Mendive	259	0
S. Filocco	218	31
B. Helgeson	175	1
C. Updike	160	5
K. Denniston	141	18
L. Nicholas	129	8
D. Feiger	70	26

Defensive	B	Digs
N. Goldstein	0	464
M. Ripecky	0	307
D. Feiger	30	298
S. Filocco	23	285
C. Spieler	5	224
A. Kuan	0	113

Football
(4-3, 4-3 NESCAC)

	W	L	PF	PA
Trinity	7	0	189	126
Amherst	5	1	152	120
Williams	5	2	191	117
Middlebury	4	3	237	192
Tufts	**4**	**3**	**158**	**118**
Bowdoin	3	4	185	191
Colby	3	4	86	138
Hamilton	2	5	114	135
Bates	1	6	95	227
Wesleyan	1	6	97	140

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
W. Forde	167	747	4.5	6
K. Anderson	30	118	3.9	1
D. Ferguson	8	66	8.2	0

Passing	Pct.	Yds	TD	INT
A. Fucillo	56.7	1395	12	5

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD
D. Halas	35	517	14.8	10
S. Black	17	384	22.6	1

Defense	Tack	INT	Sack
T. Reynoso	56.0	1	0
T. Tassinari	44.0	2	0
A. Perry	43.0	2	0

NCAA Div. III Field Hockey
(Oct. 28, 2008)

Points (First-place votes)

1. Bowdoin, 637 (8)
2. Messiah, 631 (9)
3. Ursinus, 630 (8)
4. **Tufts, 598 (8)**
5. TCNJ, 584 (2)
6. Middlebury, 522
7. Lebanon Valley, 465
8. Trinity (Conn.), 416
9. Salisbury, 404
10. Johns Hopkins, 392

NCAA Div. III New England Volleyball
(Oct. 29, 2008)

1. **Tufts**
2. Springfield
3. Wellesley
4. Wesleyan
5. Amherst
6. Williams
7. Colby-Sawyer
8. Conn. College

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Bello field set to host semifinal and championship rounds of NESCAC tourney

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started playing better once we stepped up to 50-50 balls and incorporated two-touch passing. I think we also did a great job breaking up their plays starting with the forwards. We were looking to step in front of players and beat them to the ball. We weren't giving them the chance to become offense-minded. As long as we kept up with them we did a good job of putting play back into their backfield."

One reason the Jumbos took time to adjust to Colby's style was that the team was a bit undermanned, as junior forward Amanda Russo, Tufts' second-leading scorer, sat out the game with a broken thumb suffered near the end of the Bowdoin matchup.

"I'm seeing a doctor this week and there is a good chance that I'll be able to play in ... Saturday's game," Russo said.

Tufts continued to find offensive success in its penalty-corner opportunities. With six minutes remaining in the half, junior forward Michelle Kelly widened the lead to 2-1 off another penalty corner and assist by Jasinski.

In the second half, the Jumbos played tightly in Colby's circle to draw more penalty corners. The squad posted a third goal off a penalty corner by senior tri-captain Marlee Kutcher, while senior tri-captain Brittany Holiday was awarded a penalty stroke, culminating in Tufts' fourth goal.

Brown then rounded off the scoring with her 21st goal of the season, padding the program record she set on Friday. When the dust settled, Tufts had out-cornered Colby 16-3 while it led the Mules in shots 22-4 overall.

"In the past we've had trouble executing our corners," Kutcher said. "It's important, especially in tournament time, that we could come out and capitalize on them. Our forwards did a great job of drawing corners in the circle because they packed into Colby territory."

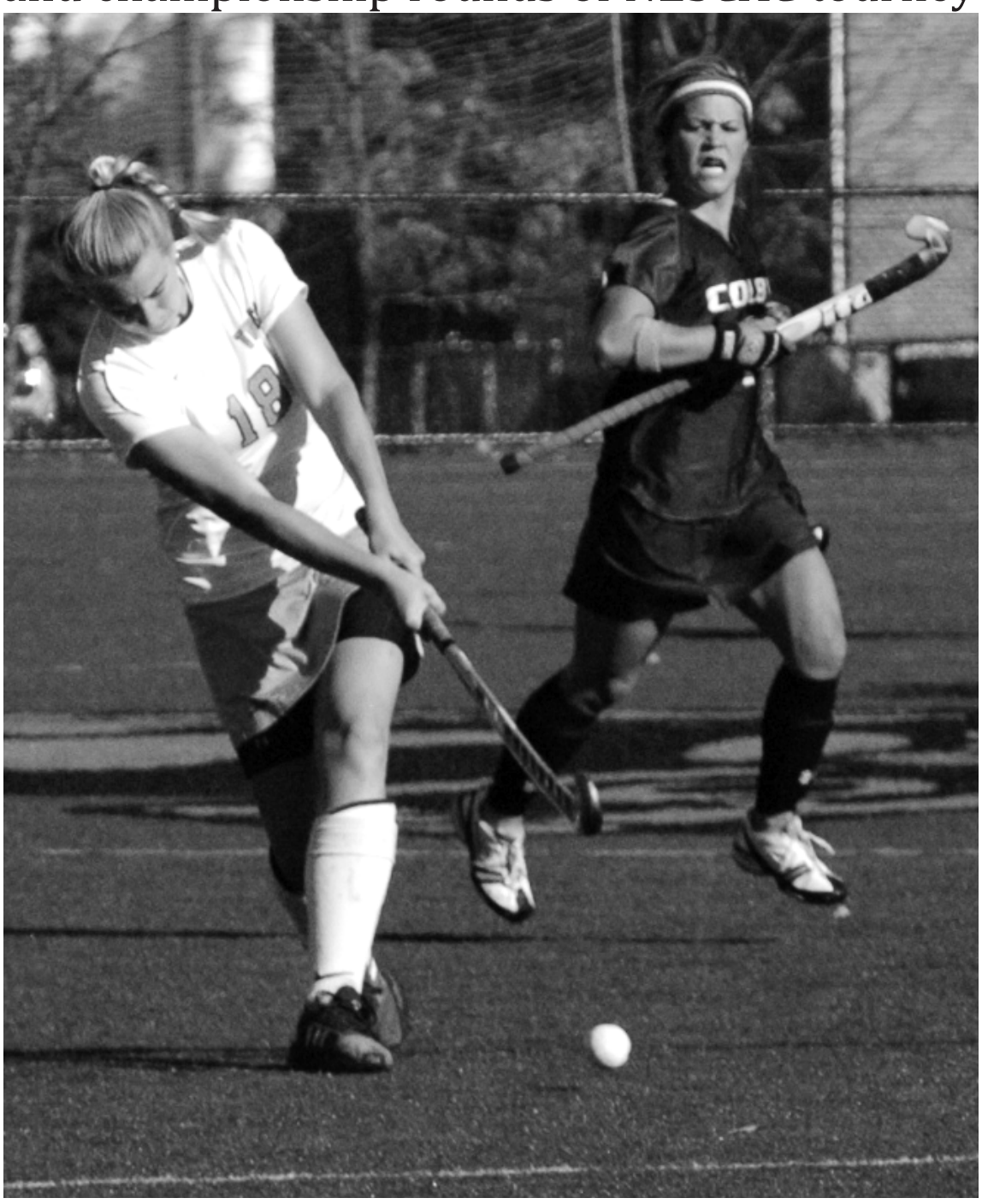
Although the Jumbos will have home field advantage for the remainder of the NESCAC Tournament, the path to their first-ever conference title will be anything but easy. All four of the remaining teams in the tournament — first-seeded Tufts, second-seeded Bowdoin, third-seeded Middlebury and fifth-seeded Trinity — are ranked in the Top 10 of the most recent National Field Hockey Coaches Association poll.

Next up for the Jumbos will be a semifinal showdown against the Bantams, victims of a 2-1 overtime loss to Tufts on Oct. 25.

That said, Trinity tripped up Tufts with effective block tackles and strong defense in the circle, curtailing Tufts' scoring opportunities.

The Bantam squad also sent the game into overtime with a last ditch effort on a penalty corner. Despite Trinity's ability to fight back and hold off opponents offensively, Tufts will boast home field advantage this time.

"It's going to be huge that we're playing Trinity at Bello Field," Jasinski said. "Trinity plays on AstroTurf so they're used to playing and practicing on a faster surface. Their team is dependent on speed so playing on our surface, we're going to be able to control their team better. We're proud of our regular season and the records we've broken, but now its do-or-die field hockey."



JAMES CHOCA/TUFTS DAILY

Junior midfielder Margi Scholtes swats the ball during Tufts' 5-1 first-round win over Colby yesterday on Bello Field. The Jumbos will face off against Trinity on Saturday, hoping to compile a repeat victory over the Bantams to advance to the championship round.

Women's soccer team held scoreless through regulation and double overtime

ANDREW MORGENTHALER/TUFTS DAILY

Junior Ali Maxwell attempts to dribble around a Bowdoin defender during Tufts' loss to the Polar Bears during the first round of the NESCAC Tournament yesterday.

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outwork them, then we'd be okay."

But after 110 minutes of playoff soccer during yesterday's matchup that witnessed no goals despite Tufts' advantage in shots and corner kicks, 11-5, the game went to penalty shots.

"We practiced penalty kicks recently, but it isn't really an environment that you can recreate," junior midfielder Fanna Gamal said. "The whole time I had complete faith that [sophomore goalie] Hannah [Jacobs] was going to stop it and that we were all going to make it."

Bowdoin gave the Jumbos an opening after Polar Bear senior defender Lynne Tempest missed the first shot off the post. Tufts responded when sophomore midfielder Sarah Nolet landed her shot into the net, giving the Jumbos a 1-0 lead.

Bowdoin, however, evened it up again in the next round when freshman midfielder Celeste Swain notched her shot against Jacobs and Thomas made a diving save on Tufts sophomore midfielder Geneva DeGregorio's shot attempt.

The Jumbos and the Polar Bears both made their shots in the third frame, so it came down to the fourth. Freshman forward Ellery Gould, who led Bowdoin with eight goals during the season, scored her most important one of the season and gave the Polar Bears a 3-2 lead. Junior forward Ali Maxwell launched her ensuing shot over the net, and the score remained 3-2 going into the fifth and final round of the shootout.

All Bowdoin had to do was make the final attempt to seal the win, and sophomore forward Christina Aceto nailed it, smashing her shot by a diving Jacobs to give her team the victory.

"It is difficult to see your season come down to penalty kicks because I don't think it's really reflective of the skills of each particular team, and the best team doesn't always win," Gamal said. "Penalty kicks are a really disappointing way to lose.

"If the game had been more even during regulation, it might have been a different story," she continued. "But since I feel like we dominated in regulation, losing in penalty kicks made it a lot rougher."

The frustrations felt at the end of yesterday's game were similar to those that had been brewing throughout a season that saw Tufts vault to a 5-0 record before enduring a slew of crippling injuries.

"It was a frustrating season, just in terms of the amount of injuries we had," Whiting said. "I just felt like we never had a healthy team and we were constantly having to juggle lineups. But I feel like we made a lot of progress. We're very young and I think a lot of the kids learned a lot, and so as hard as it is today to even begin to think about tomorrow, we should be excited for next year because we've got the makings of a great team."

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