



COURTESY HANA MIGLIORATO

In the aftermath of this winter's snowstorms, extra snow removal efforts led to exceeded budgets and an increase in employees working overtime.

## Snow removal pushes Facilities \$100K over budget

BY DANIEL GOTTFRIED  
Daily Editorial Board

Facilities Services exceeded its snow removal budget by more than \$100,000 this winter in the wake of two major snow storms in February and March.

After the storms this winter, the Department of Facilities Services had employees working overtime, and in some instances workers had to remain at the university overnight, Director of Facilities Services Bob Burns said.

"There was a lot of overtime because of the amount of snow and because there was so much snow — we had to

haul it out because there was no place to put it," Burns said. "We needed contractors because it just couldn't pile up anymore."

The university looked to several sources for help in the cleanup effort to ensure that the university campuses would recover quickly from the effects of the snowstorms, according to Burns.

"In order to make sure that the campus is safe and secure and slip-free in a very short period of time, we engaged our janitorial contractor to help out with providing a work force to clear

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## Three arrested at TransCanada headquarters protest

BY VICTORIA LEISTMAN  
Daily Editorial Board

Three Tufts students were among 25 people arrested Monday for protesting the proposal for the Keystone XL Pipeline outside the Westborough, Mass. offices of TransCanada, the Calgary-based energy company behind the pipeline.

Out of around a dozen members of the student group Tufts Divest for Our Future who attended the protest, freshman William Pearl, sophomore Dan Jubelirer and junior Anna Lello-Smith were arrested and charged with trespassing and disorderly conduct.

The proposed pipeline would carry crude oil from Alberta, Canada, through the U.S. to Gulf-Coast refineries. Opponents of the project, which is awaiting approval by the Obama administration, say the pipeline's construction would pose potentially massive environmental risks

According to Pearl, the plan for this week's protest was developed over several weeks and brought 100 climate activists and environmental justice advocates to Westborough to stage a mock funeral symbolizing the deadly implication of letting the plan for the pipeline to move forward.

"The point of our action was to send a clear message to TransCanada that approving and building the Keystone Pipeline would lead us further down the path of irreversible climate change," Jubelirer said.

Participants dressed in all black and carried a coffin inscribed with the words "Our Future," Jubelirer said. A

clergy member attended and delivered a eulogy to the future of the youth population while stressing the importance of caring for the Earth.

The group was unable to enter the TransCanada office directly, instead settling outside the glass doors inside the building. They engaged in a peaceful sit-in and handcuffed themselves together on the floor.

About 25 minutes into the action, two police officers arrived and called for backup after seeing the number of participants, according to Jubelirer.

Since the group practiced security culture — a method of keeping the knowledge of the organizing strategy within a few leaders — it was unlikely that the police were tipped off beforehand, Jubelirer said. Their prompt arrival was probably due to fact that the police station is five minutes down the road from the TransCanada office, he explained.

The police asked the group to leave the site, and those unwilling to risk arrest moved into the parking lot, Pearl said. The remaining 25 participants stayed for approximately another 40 minutes until the police removed their handcuffs and re-cuffed them for arrest.

"The cops were very relaxed about the whole thing," Pearl said. "They knew it was a peaceful protest. They really saw we weren't there to be beligerent."

Those arrested were ushered in vans to the police station, where they remained in jail cells for between six to seven hours until their bail was

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## Advising program effective, but not without challenges

BY ANNA KELLY  
Contributing Writer

Most students have one advisor. Senior Demi Marks has three. Professors from the Drama and Child Development departments and the Communication and Media Studies program advise Marks in completing her self-created, interdisciplinary major in children's entertainment. While Marks' situation may be unique, the benefits and drawbacks of Tufts' advising program remain a common experience for both students and faculty.

According to Program Director for Advising and Scholarships Laura Doane, seeking out advice is an essential part of the Tufts education because of the complexity and breadth of Tufts' academic departments and programs.

"Students should be getting advice from any number of people," Doane said. "You get advice from your parents and your friends — that's being human. And it's very effective."

Even before incoming freshman step onto campus, they are assigned a full-time faculty member to help them with their first-year courses. Aside from certain special programs, advisor assignments are based on the basic information that students provide in their applications. According to Doane, this can leave room for errors.

"I do meet with some students who would like a different pre-major advisor for whatever reason," Doane said.

Freshman Andie Eisen experienced the frustration of being paired with an advisor

who did not match her interests.

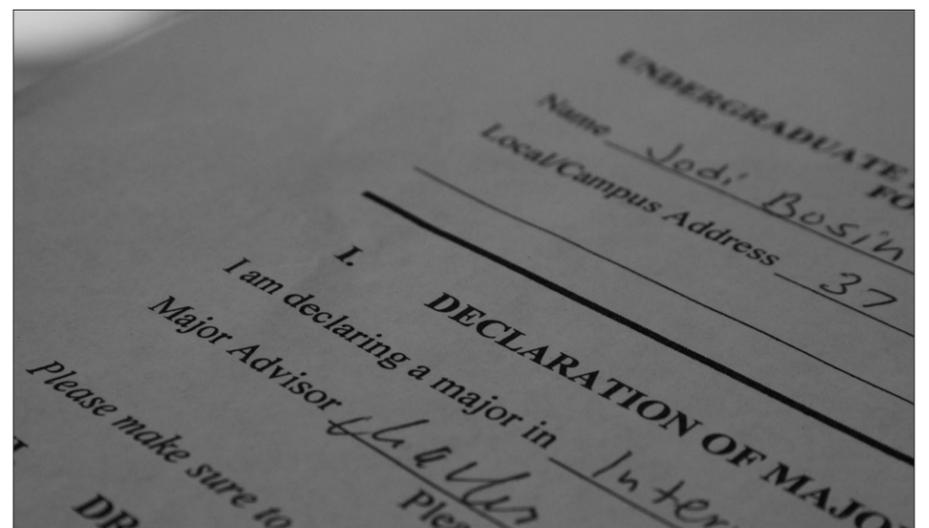
"I wanted to get into the dual degree program with the [School of the Museum of Fine Arts], and my advisor is the head of the computer science program," Eisen said. "It felt like a total mismatch, and he couldn't give me any advice about course requirements for the psychology or art departments, which is what I want to study."

Freshmen have five options for their first-year advising experience — the Curricular Advising Program, Faculty Seminars, Host Advising, Explorations and Perspectives — which can add to the challenge of finding the right fit.

According to the Tufts Admissions website, the Host Advising program is the most traditional of the five, assigning individual students to their pre-major advisor based on their general academic interests. Explorations and Perspectives advising programs group the students enrolled in Experimental College courses with the same pre-major advisor. Faculty Seminars and the Curricular Advising Program both involve pairing students with the professors of a seminar or course, helping the students to foster a relationship with the advisor.

Kelsey Schlueter, a freshman who chose the Curricular Advising Program for her first year at Tufts, enjoyed this approach. She enrolled in Introduction to Religion, and found having her professor as her advisor to be a positive experience.

"It was great, because there was a lot of crossover between being a student in his



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Finding a major advisor can be a difficult process for many students.

class and being his advisee," Schlueter said. "So he'd ask me how my essay was going for his class, and then ask about essays for other classes too."

When declaring a major, sophomores must choose a new advisor specifically for their major. Students can approach professors within their department and ask to be their advisees, or professors offer to advise students that are interested in their subject.

"The idea is that students are talking to faculty members related to their interest, about their interest. So if there is a match,

they will feel comfortable with their advisor," Doane said.

This transition from pre-major advisor to major advisor is not always a smooth one.

"I think that sometimes students don't know how to find a major advisor, so the system in place for supporting that...could be better," Assistant Professor of Psychology Ayanna Thomas said. Thomas currently advises about 25 students.

To select the professors who will become

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## Students arrested in protest of Keystone pipeline

## PROTEST

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posted, Pearl said. Bail was \$40 per person and was provided by the organizers of the protest who waited for their release.

"I chose to stay because I felt that people have tried to get this project stopped through all the legitimate political channels for a very long time," Jubelirer said. "I felt like I sort of had the privilege and opportunity to be more direct and put my body there, in the way."

On Wednesday morning, those who had been arrested went to court, where an arraignment was reached between the defense attorney and the judge to drop the charges without fine, Jubelirer said.

He said that prior to the action, over \$1,000 had been raised for anticipated legal fees. A media team had created a site called Funeral for Our Future where viewers could donate to the cause.

Because the fines were waived, the money will be donated to Tar Sands Blockade, a group dedicated to physically blocking the construction of the pipeline, according to Jubelirer. Arrests for physically blocking the pipeline construction often result in up to \$5,000 bail per person.

Jubelirer said it was his first time getting arrested in the name of climate activism. He said that if President Obama approves the pipeline, young people will continue to engage in civil disobedience.

Pearl stressed the importance of climate activism as part of a broader social and environmental justice problem that he has become increasingly passionate about within the last year.

"I think people should get involved," he said. "This issue is going to esca-



COURTESY LINDSAY METTIER

Around a dozen members of Tufts Divest for Our Future participated in a sit-in protest against the Keystone XL Pipeline at the TransCanada's Westborough, Mass. office on Monday.

## Late winter snow storms pushes Facilities over budget

## SNOW

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stairways and walkways," Burns said. "Between our various contractors, companies, the custodial company and the Facilities Services workforce, we were able to accomplish our goal."

During the winter months, Facilities has prioritized safety over budget, Burns said.

"The goal here is to make [sure] all the campuses are safe and passable for our students, faculty and staff," he said. "Whatever it takes to make that happen, to put our campuses in that type of condition, we do."

Facilities has been looking for ways to absorb the extra expenses caused by this year's winter season, he said.

"We are going to try and operate for the rest of the year more efficiently to

try and offset those expenses, and if we can't, the department will have to come up with a way to fund it," Burns explained.

Burns declined to comment on the exact amount of money spent on the snow removal budget this year.

The recovery effort involved the combined efforts of many university departments and organizations, including the Facilities staff, Tufts University Police Department, Dining Services and the Office of Community Relations, according to Burns.

University employees that spent the night at Tufts during the snowstorm were provided with housing for the nights that they spent on the job, Burns said.

"They were able to get off their feet, get out of their trucks and take a breather,"

he said.

This winter had significantly more snow than last year and is more similar to the winter of 2011, Burns said.

"The last three winters have had snow in different patterns," Burns said. "Last winter, there was very little snow. The year before that, there was a tremendous amount of snow and I think the university was closed, or at least had a late start at least twice."

The safety of the campuses this winter was a result of the efforts of the whole Tufts team, he said.

"I am very proud of the Facilities staff for doing a good job handling all of the weather events ... and trying to make the campuses safe and livable during an extreme weather event," Burns said.

## Department size, faculty leaves create advising roadblocks

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advisors, Doane said that she approaches the chairs of different departments and asks that each one provide a certain number of student advisors. All full-time faculty members are technically eligible to be advisors, but the chairs of the departments must determine which professors are likely to be overwhelmed with classes.

For smaller departments, it is often challenging to find enough faculty members to be advisors.

"Tufts has very generous leave policies. We try to make sure that our faculty have the space they need and the time that they need to pursue research projects and be accessible to students while they are also on the cutting-edge of their field," Doane said.

While professor research has many worthwhile benefits, it adds to a lack of advisors on campus, says Doane.

"It does mean that the number of faculty advisors on campus have to reconfigure the number of major advisees on campus," she said.

According to Thomas, some professors struggle with advising large numbers of students.

"I think if I had more than 25 to 30 [advisees] it would be difficult," she said. "And I know that a lot of people in my department have more than that, so that must be really tough."

While the official processes of advising may be overwhelming, professors and administrators help by trying to inform students about the unofficial ways of accessing advising services.

Julie Dobrow serves as an unofficial advisor for students minoring in Communications and Media Studies (CMS), the department that she directs. Students do not need an advisor for a minor, but Dobrow answers questions specific to the CMS minor and facilitates more general conversations about career paths and academic interests.

Dobrow serves as one of three of Marks' advisors.

"[Dobrow] is my main advisor, and the other two serve as a sort of checks-and-

balances system," Marks said. "I think it's very much on a case-by-case basis, but I've really enjoyed having three advisors."

Marks' advisors also form her thesis committee, so they have been familiar with her work since she designed her major in her sophomore year. Though Marks has benefited from the advice of three faculty members, this approach has had some challenges.

"It can be a little bureaucratic," Marks said. She also recently encountered what she called an "advising snafu" that involved miscommunication about language requirements and a last-minute independent study to fill them.

Although students like Marks are working with multiple advisors outside of the official advising program, Doane still thinks the program needs work in terms of building meaningful relationships between students and faculty.

"What we don't communicate as well as I would like to or hope to in the future, is that advising isn't [just] a one person, one-and-done kind of thing," she said.

TV REVIEW

## 'Nashville' triumphs with fully realized character relationships

BY LANCY DOWNS  
Daily Staff Writer

When "Nashville" returns March 27 after a month-long hiatus, it will be high-time for this freshman series to tie together

**Nashville**



Starring **Connie Britton, Hayden Panettiere, Clare Bowen, Eric Close**

Airs **Wednesdays at 10 p.m. on ABC**

er its slowly converging storylines for the season's last batch of episodes.

The show, created by Academy Award-winning writer Callie Khouri ("Thelma and Louise" (1991)), has spent its first season rotating between three major plots that have managed to come together only in the season's second half. Rayna James (Connie Britton) is a country music legend whose career has slowed as she enters middle age. She's well-respected, but it appears that Juliette Barnes (Hayden Panettiere), a promiscuous Taylor Swift-type, is the one with chart-topping hits these days. The first half of the season is essentially spent proving that these two need each other in order to survive. Juliette's career threatens to sink due to a PR crisis, so she could benefit from Rayna's squeaky-clean reputation. Meanwhile, Rayna needs Juliette's popularity and youth to sell her music. It may be slightly repetitive, but this doesn't necessarily mean the show isn't worth watching. The mutual distaste these two women have for each other is palpable and makes for a dynamic television relationship. It's also well acted; both Britton and Panettiere received Golden Globe nominations for their roles.

The second half of the season cuts to the chase: Rayna and Juliette are co-headlining a nationwide tour, allowing the sparks to fly even more than they did in earlier episodes. It does nothing, however, to tie in the third plotline: Scarlett O'Connor (Clare Bowen) and Gunnar Scott (Sam Palladio), the struggling-but-talented songwriting duo with a fair bit of romantic tension of their own. This arc does not have the maturity and the urgency of the Juliette-Rayna stories, and its absence from the core of the show has done it no favors. Their latest plotline involved an unappealing visit from Gunnar's ex-convict brother, which only further alienated the two from the central drama of the show (though it did produce a long awaited Scarlett-Gunnar hookup, pleasing many fans of the pair, to be sure). The writers, fortunately, seem to know that this problem exists and are trying to remedy it: Rayna recently signed the duo to her label, seemingly setting up an opportunity to integrate Scarlett and Gunnar more authentically into the fabric of the show.



EWEN ROBERTS VIA WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Hayden Panettiere has added multiple layers to her character, country star Juliette Barnes, to avoid making the role a one-note character.

Despite the less-than-exceptional Scarlett-Gunnar storylines, "Nashville" truly is a well-fashioned show. Connie Britton, who played beloved Tami Taylor on "Friday Night Lights" (2006-2011), gives solid performances every week. She sometimes veers close to Tami Taylor territory, but the writers do an excellent job of allowing her character to grapple with very different issues. The marital issues she and her husband tried to suppress in the first half of the season reach a boiling point in a moment of perfect drama and tension in a hotel while Britton is on tour. She's invited Deacon Claybourne (Charles Esten), her scruffy former boyfriend and guitar player, to her room — finally, it seems, giving into the tension this pair has perfected. Unlike with Scarlett and Gunnar, these two have a long and sad past — and probably a bumpy future, what with a certain paternity question surrounding one of Rayna's daughters. But Britton and Esten manage to communicate the sadness, the history and the ever-present longing with each glance and conversation. As Deacon heads up to Rayna's room, he spots Teddy Conrad (Eric Close), Rayna's politician husband, enter ahead of him. This scene embodies both the drama and tension the show so tactfully plays out — and gives a nod to

the history these three characters share.

Panettiere, meanwhile, is convincing as country poptart Juliette Barnes. She's spoiled and self-centered, but the producers have done well not to make her a one-note character. Panettiere has successfully pulled back several layers of Juliette's character: a tumultuous and challenging relationship with her mother, unparalleled ambition, a complicated and nurturing relationship with Deacon and an often hidden talent. It would have been easy to make Juliette the villainous, shallow young star, used her simply to irritate Rayna, but the writers have wisely gone in a direction that allows for a more complete look at Juliette, Rayna and their relationship.

It should be no surprise that this show was created by Khouri, whose "Thelma and Louise" was hailed as a revolutionary depiction of female relationships. The relationships in "Nashville" are less provocative, perhaps, but it is refreshing to see a variety of women commanding a network television show while the male characters occupy secondary roles. To her credit, Khouri has created a dynamic and well-orchestrated cast of female characters — and more people should be tuning into "Nashville" to watch these relationships unfold.

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## The 32-ounce gorilla in the room

I have often heard the argument that reusable mugs and bottles only pay off their carbon footprint if you reuse the bottle or mug 1,000 times.

Essentially, the carbon footprint of a reusable plastic water bottle is allegedly 1,000 times that of a single-use Poland Spring bottle.

To be honest, I have never heard any support for this argument, and my own research has led me to believe that reusing a bottle four times makes it more "carbon-friendly" than a single-use bottle. Stanford University Magazine has also stated that reusing a mug several times (technical, I know) makes it more "carbon-friendly" than using a new paper cup every day.

While the 1,000-time argument is an interesting one, if you are an avid drinker of water, coffee or tea, you will use your reusable bottle/mug at least 1,000 times.

Here's how I figure it. I have a 32-ounce Nalgene. I drink at least two of these a day, which I will admit sounds like a lot of water — especially when I am eyeing my bottle right now — but in reality, it is the recommended eight glasses a day. I have had my bottle for a year and a half. 365 days in a year x 1.5 years x 2 bottles a day = 1,095 uses. Already, if I am as regular a water drinker as my math assumes, I've offset my usage.

Now, let me discuss the mug argument. I drink a lot of coffee. I'm not going to say that I'm addicted, but a day without coffee does not bode well for me. I tried it once over break, and every muscle in my body vehemently protested.

I would say I drink an average of 1.333 cups a day. Most days it is just one, but on some rough days, or when I'm at work, it's more like three or four — and no, I'm not ashamed.

I drink 1.3 cups of coffee a day. I've had my usual mug since late freshman year. I use the same mug every day. It lives in my room and ventures around the house with me. I got it at the Harry Potter Exhibition. Again, I'm not ashamed.

1.3 cups of coffee a day, for the past two and three-quarter years, we'll call it. Again, 365 days in a year x 2.75 years x 1.3 cups a day = approximately 1,304.9 uses. Using a cup 1,000 times does not seem so difficult anymore.

Now, for the next argument I always get: "But I always lose my Nalgene, so isn't it better for the environment for me to just use the plastic bottles?" My answer is simple: No. Lead by example, my friends.

If you roll with your Nalgene, and proudly show others how you are reducing your impact, then they are more likely to as well. One thing you may not realize is the influence your actions have over others. If you strut your reusable stuff, your friends, family and peers are more likely to accept reusable as normal as well.

By using your own bottle you are convincing others to use their reusable bottle and divert some of our water bottle waste. So even if you do end up losing your Nalgene, you've paid things forward.

So pick a favorite mug or some stickers for your bottle and flaunt your sustainable self around campus. Voila! Environmentalism meets fashion and personal expression in the best possible way.

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MOVIE REVIEW

## Stellar cast cannot save 'Dead Man Down'

BY JACK FEELY  
Contributing Writer

"Even the most damaged heart can be mended," a character says in the opening moments of "Dead Man Down." This

**Dead Man Down**



Starring **Colin Farrell, Noomi Rapace, Terrence Howard**

Directed by **Niels Arden Oplev**

heal a damaged person — more specifically, the two damaged lead characters — and it does so in stark terms. Will exacting revenge heal these wounds, or only intensify the pain? While the movie doesn't provide a straight answer to

this question, another more important question arises as the movie progresses — do we even care if these characters' hearts can be mended?

The two vengeful leads are Victor (Colin Farrell), whose wife and young child were murdered by a gang, and his love interest Beatrice, (Noomi Rapace), whose face was scarred after a car accident caused by a drunk driver. To exact his revenge, Victor has infiltrated the gang that killed his family and is slowly orchestrating a plot that will end with the execution of all the gang members. Meanwhile, Beatrice, after some silent flirting from adjacent apartment balconies, asks Victor out on a date, despite her self-consciousness about her scars. They hit it off, but we soon realize that Beatrice is on this date strictly for busi-

ness, eventually revealing to Victor a video that she captured through the window of him performing a seemingly gang-related murder in his apartment. Beatrice then demands that Victor kill the drunk driver who hit her car, or else she will turn him into the police. Despite the initial adversarial nature of the relationship, the two soon grow to care deeply for one another, and, towards the end, begin to question whether revenge will ultimately bring them happiness.

"Dead Man Down" has the ingredients to be an awesome movie: Colin Farrell and Noomi Rapace are its stars, it has a cool dual-revenge premise and it has an acclaimed director — Niels Arden Oplev, who directed the original, Swedish ver-

## 'Dead Man Down' fails despite compelling performances

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sion of "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" (2009). And while the movie does some things well, it is crippled by a frustrating and illogical script.

The most glaring issue has to do with Rapace's character. As mentioned above, she was scarred in a car accident, but the damage is limited to the area around her left eye. These scars by no means make Beatrice ugly. If anything, they look cool and make her even sexier. Yet, she is so fixated on these scars that she is somehow driven to want to murder another human being. If this premise weren't ridiculous enough, there is a group of kids that hangs around the outside of her apartment and attacks Beatrice, throwing rocks at her and calling her "monster." It is preposterous.

Added to this, Beatrice has very little agency in this movie. Noomi Rapace has played a badass chick in much of her recent work — think "Prometheus" (2012) and "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" (2009) — so it was both disappointing and surprising to see her portray a passive, vain damsel in distress. The weaknesses and absurdities of this character may have been intentional, but it doesn't matter, because her character greatly weakens the film.

"Dead Man Down" also awkwardly positions itself in the revenge genre. Traditionally, the villain has some kind of history with the protagonist. This approach to telling a revenge story ultimately provides the audience with a much bigger pay off at the climax, as compared to "Dead Man Down," which has the villains wronging the protagonists totally by chance — a random car accident in one case and some stray bullets in the other. The stakes here are vastly lower by comparison, leaving the movie to hobble to the finish. So, to answer the earlier question of whether we care if these characters can heal: not really.

That said, this movie does get a few things right. The acting is strong, with



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Noomi Rapace plays a physically and emotionally scarred woman in this crime thriller.

Farrell, Rapace and Terrence Howard as the mob boss doing good work in spite of the script. It explores the implications of revenge in a somewhat original way — at one point, for example, Beatrice gets

a taste of revenge, but soon discovers that she can't swallow the guilt. It should also be noted that Victor is somewhat compelling — thanks mostly to Farrell's likability — but also because he mas-

termines a cool revenge plot and deals with the death of his family. And finally, the thin plot is thankfully occasionally interrupted by some thrilling gunfight scenes, which are fueled by an exhilarat-



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## My Op-Ed All of my thoughts on the important issues on campus, like Dewick's panini machines

### Obama for (vice) president

SEAN O'LOUGHLIN



On Monday, Will Ehrenfeld voiced his support for Sen. Barack Obama in the coming Presidential campaign ("Obama for president", Sept. 10). I too, at one point, supported Obama in his bid for the White House. He is an intelligent, charismatic man whose greatest political asset is indeed his criticism of the war from the start. And he may be the harbinger of great change to Washington. That's why he'd be a great vice president for Sen. Joseph Biden.

I wouldn't be surprised to learn that many people are not familiar with Sen. Biden; in fact I wouldn't be surprised to learn that many people are not familiar with most presidential candidates, Democrat and Republican. The media, in their attempt to focus on Obama, Sen. Hillary Clinton, former Mass. Governor Mitt Romney and former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, have allowed candidates such as Sens. Biden, Christopher Dodd, Sam Brownback, and former Ark. Governor Mike Huckabee to fall through the cracks. However, attention needs to be paid to these "also-rans," because among them lies the best man to lead our country.

It is true, Biden did vote to authorize the war in 2002. When asked about this vote, Biden says that, as President, he too would have asked for the authority to go into Iraq. He simply would not have used it. It is also true that he voted for the special funding bill earlier this year, while Obama and Clinton did not. He explained this in a debate soon after, saying that he "knew the right political vote." But he also knew that a large portion of that funding would be going to better equipment for our soldiers.

Biden is the only candidate with a viable, possible plan for post-Bush Iraq. N. M. Governor Bill Richardson wants to leave within 6 months of being inaugurated. Unfortunately, that's physically impossible. There are simply too many men to be withdrawn in 6 months. If all of the troops are withdrawn right now, as soon as possible, we're going

to need a lot of helicopters.

Saigon told us that much. We cannot simply up and leave. But it's clear that staying the course and continuing the surge is not working. The notion of a "strong, central, democratic" Iraqi government is simply naïve. It will not happen in our lifetime. The Biden plan is the only option.

The Biden plan is simple. Imagine a country with a national government, but also with distinct regions, each with certain jurisdiction, that is complementary to, yet still subordinate to the national government. If this sounds familiar, you may live in the United States of America. This is also what it says in the Iraqi constitution. The Bush administration has said that for the Iraqi constitution to be implemented, the national government needs to be strong enough to enforce security throughout the country. But as the success of al-Anbar province has shown us, security is built from the ground up, not the top down. The Biden plan does just that.

Biden was elected senator in 1972. He has served as chair of both the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Foreign Relations Committee. What our country needs most right now is foreign relations experience, and Biden's got it. He is the best man, Democrat or Republican or Green or Bloomberg, to sit in the Oval Office.

For more info, please visit [joe-biden.com](http://joe-biden.com).

Sean O'Loughlin is a freshman who has not yet declared a major.

### It's time to wake up: Iraq, jihad and America's choice

MATTHEW LADNER

*"I would like to tell you that the war is for you or for us to win. If we win it, it means your defeat and disgrace forever as the wind blows in this direction with God's help. If you win it, you should read the history. We are a nation that does not tolerate injustice and seek revenge forever. Days and nights will not go by until we take revenge as we did on 11 September, God willing, and until your minds are exhausted and your lives become miserable."* (Osama bin-Laden, January 19, 2006)

If you feel a slight rumbling beneath you at this very moment, do not be alarmed. It is simply the collective reverberation of proud Americans from previous generations turning over in their respective graves.

Our nation has lapsed into a fit of defeatism and self-proclaimed declinism as our politicians and, more tragically, our citizens have forgotten the courage, values and resolve that propelled our country to greatness.

Even worse, we have betrayed our forefathers' confidence in the righteousness of fighting on freedom's behalf — a confidence that once instilled courage in the hearts of American revolutionaries despite the seeming impossibility of victory and later invigorated Allied forces fighting fascist enemies in Europe and Asia.

We are assured of America's defeat daily in Iraq, not by our enemies on the battlefield, but by a growing contingent within the Democratic Party. It is this lot — led by Sen. Harry Reid, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Rep. John Murtha and the party's presidential candidates — who insist on the futility of U.S. military and Iraqi political efforts alike.

They insist on the rapid withdrawal of troops from battle. They insist that staying in Iraq to fight extremism, to deter Iranian interference, to run with the current wave of military momentum and to build on popular uprisings against al-Qaeda throughout the country (or, what residents of the now famous Anbar province call the "Great Awakening") is contrary to American security interests.

It is in this certainty of defeat, however, that the broader implications of a precipitous retreat — and make no mistake, blood-thirsty terrorists aching to extend their jihad would understand our withdrawal as nothing less — are lost. What is remarkable is how salient these consequences are, yet how obfuscated they become in the midst of political posturing and rhetorical pandering.

There is little question within American military circles, and on the streets of Baghdad, that U.S. forces are the dam preventing unmitigated sectarian violence and the Talibanization of Iraq.

To leave now, to abandon the progress that our troops have recently made on the security front, to simply throw the country into the wind, is to condemn hundreds of thousands, if not millions, to unfathomable misery. For the sake of comparison, think Rwanda, Darfur or Bosnia. Interestingly enough, these are thoughts that seem to weigh insignificantly on the conscience of Sen. Obama, who indulgently lauds himself as a champion of hope. His hope is an audacious brand indeed.

The reality is that we are in the midst of the first great war of the 21st century. It is a war of ideology as much as it is a contest to be won on the battlefield. And whereas Iraq may not have been the frontline of this struggle in 2003, it is the theater of the conflict today.

On one end of the spectrum is the United States, defending the rights of ordinary Iraqis and committed to the creation of a stable ally in a region otherwise defined by dysfunctional government. While American-style democracy may never take root, Iraq still clings to the prospect of representative politics.

Amazingly, after four years of devastating violence, Iraqis continue to show resolve and an admirable determination to emerge from the shadows of despotism and terror.

At the other end of this spectrum are the existential enemies of human progress. Peddling an antiquated ideology of extreme Islam and preaching a virulent message of hatred, the warriors of Islamism draw on a totalitar-

ian vision of societal order that is, at its most basic level, a fantasy. Their unrelenting pursuit of a long-dead caliphate is glaring in its denial of modern political realities and the overwhelming power of the Western world. However, this delusional ideology sanitizes indiscriminate violence and brutality, deeming them obligatory within a framework of "defensive" jihad against Islam's enemies.

In fomenting civil war in Iraq, al-Qaeda and its proxies seek to engender despair, inefficiency, insecurity and resentment — the air to their militant fire. We must realize the simple truth that just as Iraq is our frontline against terror, so too is it the terrorist's against Western civilization.

After turning back the "effeminate superpower," their next step is cleansing the Holy Lands of infidel blood and ousting a Saudi regime that is, unbelievably, inadequately Islamic. From Mecca to Egypt to Jerusalem and beyond, the caliphate is to be extended and its enemies destroyed. Thus, looking to those among us who frown at American military gains and find a perverse vindication of their anti-war politics in every truck-bomb that claims innocent Iraqi lives, we find a segment of our country definitively unprepared to face civilization's enemies.

It is true that our predicament is a frightening one. Armed with a dangerous irrationality and a passion for martyrdom, the jihadists are decisive and resolute. There is no appealing this enemy. There is no reasoning with it. There is no compromising and there is no coexistence.

Surrender or Persevere.

These are the only options and the choice is ours to make. In choosing the path to victory, however, one thing has become increasingly clear. In November 2008, American voters will have to send the Democrats the very same message that must thunder in the ears of those extremists who dare to wage war against the United States of America: "You cannot win and you will not prevail!"

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## Softball heads to Florida for 14 games over break

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#### Softball

The Tufts softball team has big expectations entering this season after finishing 2012 as the fifth-best team in the nation. Returning for the Jumbos is All-American first teamer Allyson Fournier, who was arguably the best pitcher in the country last season.

She led the NCAA in ERA and strikeouts per seven innings. Also back is junior tri-captain catcher Jo Clair, who led the NESCAC with 14 home runs, 57 RBIs and 27 walks, earning her a spot on the All-NESCAC first team.

The Jumbos will travel to Clermont, Fla. over break where they will play 14 games in eight days.

### Women's Tennis

While the fall season consisted mostly of individual tournaments, the spring will feature mostly team action for the Tufts women's tennis team.

Coach Kate Bayard's squad's spring season begins on March 19 where the group will travel to Emory University in Atlanta to take part in the Fab 5 Tournament.

Other participants include Emory, Washington and Lee, Sewanee and Washington (Mo.). Losing only one senior to graduation, the Jumbos are likely to improve from their 9-11 record last season and are looking to compete amongst the top teams in the conference to earn a high seed in the NCAA tournament.



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Senior co-captain Kerry Eaton will lead the Jumbos into Long Island over spring break, where they'll take on Farmingdale State on Tuesday.



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Senior tri-captain Eric Weikert and the rest of the Jumbo baseball team will travel south and take on nine different teams over the week off.

## Lacrosse to face top teams in the country

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for the Tufts co-ed sailing program, in which they won the ICSA Match Racing Championship for the first time in school history, the team is back at it this spring with 13 races already under its belt.

The Jumbos finished seventh in a field of 16 teams at the Graham Hall Team Race on March 3 at Navy, as well as 6th of eight at the Sharpe Trophy race at Harvard.

For the spring recess, the Tufts team will travel back to Navy for two events over the course of the week: the Truxtun Umsted Trophy on March 16 and 17, and the Owen, Mosbacher, & Knapp Trophies on March 23 and 24.

These competitions will serve to prepare the Jumbos for their trip to Connecticut the following weekend at the Southern New England Team Race Intersectional.

### Men's Lacrosse

The men's lacrosse team will continue its search for its first win of the season after dropping games to Hamilton and Conn. College earlier this week.

However, the competition will only get more difficult over the break. Tufts will first face No. 4 Stevens Tech. when they travel to Hoboken, N.J. tomorrow, followed by a face off against the No. 2 Stevenson Mustangs in Maryland on March 19.

After Tufts travels north to face NESCAC opponent Colby on Friday, March 22, the string of spring break games will end at home for the Jumbos when they take on No. 14 Western New England University March 24.

Tufts will have its full lineup at its disposal, just in time for what will be their most strenuous week of play all season.

## Injuries wreak havoc on final weeks of season

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an extended break after the loss, but the extra time just seemed to allow the team's health problems to proliferate. Junior Caitlin McClure hurt her ankle in practice, ending her season, while Barnosky sat out the beginning of the team's regular season finale against Hamilton because of complications in her surgically-repaired leg. Morehead was still not cleared to play, and what should have been an easy Senior Night win turned into a scrappy 57-37 win that doesn't reflect the Jumbos' underwhelming of a performance. "We were definitely run down, and I think we had some bad luck as well," Barnosky said. "I don't know what the chances were that a bunch of us were going to get sick or hurt in the same week."

The win was enough to earn Tufts a 9-1 finish in NESCAC play, and a win by Williams over Amherst meant a three-way split of the conference title. The Jumbos earned the No. 1 seed in the NESCAC tournament on random drawing, giving them the chance to host the semifinals and finals if they could get through the quarterfinals.

"None of us could believe we got the lucky draw, because that doesn't usually go our way," Barnosky said. "I think it showed all of the hard work that we had put in the whole year."

It was in the quarterfinals that they ran into

Bowdoin, a team they beat by 18 a month earlier. But the Jumbos, with Morehead returning, were still far from 100 percent, while the Polar Bears played the best game of their season, hitting 11-of-19 from beyond the arc. Tufts was able to grab a two-point lead with under three minutes to play, but missed their final five shots, allowing Bowdoin to end the game on an 8-0 run.

The shocking loss gave the Jumbos almost two weeks off before the NCAA tournament, to which they were still assured a bid. The time was important, both for the team to heal, and to get their heads on straight.

"We had a team meeting that Monday, and we made sure we were back on track and that we knew all of our goals for the rest of the season, and where we would go from there," Morehead said. "It really refocused us, and in the long run it did help us a lot."

Good news came in from the NCAA tournament selection show, which announced that the Jumbos would host for a second straight season. But the injuries continued to pile up, with junior Ali Rocchi suffering back pain that kept her out the rest of the way.

"I honestly didn't think we were going to be able to host, I thought that kind of went out the window," Morehead said. "Being able to host makes such a difference. It was our second chance, and we really had to bring it."

After struggling through two games

against inferior opponents in last year's opening NCAA weekend, the Jumbos looked much more comfortable this time around. They opened things up on a 19-5 run that included going 4-for-4 from distance in the opening six minutes against St. Lawrence, and they cruised from there, winning 57-32. Then, against Babson the following day, Tufts dared Beavers' star senior forward Sarah Collins to try to beat them by herself, but, while she put in 20 points, Foley nearly matched her with 18 of her own, and the Jumbos cruised to the Sweet 16, 53-35.

"We weren't thinking about how far we were going to go, it was just winning the next game, we have to win the next game," Barnosky said. "That weekend, losing wasn't an option."

One more time, Tufts was forced to travel to western Massachusetts for a game against the Lord Jeffs, and though they started off slow, the Jumbos hung around for the entire game. But facing just a two-point deficit, the team went cold offensively, and Amherst managed to hang on and end Tufts' season.

The campaign wasn't just a success for the team — the Jumbos impressed on an individual level as well. Barnosky earned first team All-NESCAC honors, while Foley made the second team. Senior co-captain Bre Dufault became the sixth straight Tufts player to win NESCAC defensive player of the year, while sophomore Hayley Kanner finished third in the conference in blocks per game, despite playing signifi-

cantly fewer minutes than the leaders.

While the team will mourn the loss of its veteran leaders in Barnosky, Dufault and Maggie Riddle, the sophomore class that included three of the team's starters seems more than ready to pick up where they left off.

"They were huge parts of our team, and they really stepped up," Barnosky said of the sophomore class. "They were great as freshmen, but came back even better. You could see it right away in the preseason. That's what's going to make them so much better in the future, that they aren't settling, that they wanted to be even more dominant."

Of course, the juniors Rocchi, McClure and Liz Moynihan will return healthy next year, while freshman Emma Roberson proved her worth in heavy minutes during the NCAA tournament. With the amount of talent that will still be practicing in Cousens next year, it's hard to deny that the sky's the limit for this squad.

It makes you wonder if the biggest success this season for the Jumbos was that the year felt like a failure.

"Right now, it hurts, and I want to say that we should have won that game," Barnosky said. "Of course there are times in games and in practice where we didn't have 100 percent, but I can confidently say that we left it all out there in that last game. It's a good feeling to look back and know we gave it all we could."

## MEN'S SPRING BREAK PREVIEW

### Spring season to hit full stride as teams travel for competition

BY ALEX SCHROEDER  
Daily Editorial Board

While spring teams such as men's lacrosse and sailing have already begun their 2013 campaigns, the majority of the Jumbos will officially kick off competition over the spring break.

Baseball, tennis and track and field will all travel to regular season events around the country, while the crew and golf teams will continue to prepare for their return to competition in early April.

#### Baseball

Tufts baseball will start its season with a jam-packed trip to North Carolina and Virginia next week. While the Jumbos are coming off a 22-12 season in 2012, the team finished only 4-8 in the East Division of the NESCAC, good for second-to-last place.

This year, however, the young group will look to improve on that record, and are optimistic that their extensive trip down south, which features games against nine teams from across the country, will get the season started off on a positive note.

The Jumbos will open against Castleton State on Friday and will continue through the trip playing Guilford, Averett, Greensboro, Methodist and UNC Wesleyan, followed by a trip to Virginia Beach.

"We get the opportunity to play a bunch of very well-respected and well-coached programs," senior tri-captain outfielder Eric Weikert said in an email to the Daily. "[It's] always a great experience. The spring trip encompasses everything baseball and is something I really look forward to — it's the ultimate way to kick off the start of the baseball season."

#### Men's Tennis

The tennis team will take a far different route over the break, as they begin with a dual match at Brandeis on Saturday, March 16 for their first match of the season before traveling across the country to California to take on five different teams.

The Jumbos will visit Chapman University in Orange, Calif. on March 19 and then proceed to the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps campus the following day to face a familiar NESCAC foe, the Amherst Lord Jeffs. This matchup will be crucial for the team to start out both the NESCAC and regular season on a high note.

While at the Claremont Colleges, Tufts will also take on the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens.

Following this matchup, the Jumbos will travel to Los Angeles to square off against Occidental College, and will cap off the extensive week of play with a battle against local opponent Babson College on March 22 back at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.

#### Men's Track and Field

Unlike the other teams competing in April and May, the Tufts men's track and field squad will flow seamlessly from the winter into the spring season.

After finishing the winter season at the NCAA Championships with a 14th-place finish at North Central in Illinois, the team will now travel to Washington and Lee on the second weekend of break for the W&L-VMI Carnival.

The team will then host the Snowflake Classic on March 30.

#### Sailing

After an impressive fall season

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### Record year leaves Tufts eager to improve

BY ETHAN STURM  
Daily Editorial Board

To make a conclusion about the Tufts women's basketball team's 2013 season is a difficult endeavor.

In some ways, it was a disappointment. Tufts failed at two attempts to get over the Amherst hump, fell in the quarterfinals of the NESCAC Championships and failed to advance past the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament for the second consecutive year despite returning nearly the past year's entire roster.

But in other ways, it was a program-defining success. The Jumbos were ranked in the top 25 from day one, put together the longest winning streak and the highest winning percentage in program history, earned a share of the regular season conference title for the first time ever, hosted the first weekend of the NCAA tournament for a second consecutive year and cruised to a spot in the Sweet 16, where a win was no longer hoped for, but expected.

As co-captain Kate Barnosky said, the fact that a season of this caliber could be seen as a disappointment speaks to how far this program, which had never made the NCAA tournament before the 2007-2008 season, has come in defining itself as truly elite.

Tufts entered the season with high expectations, after returning everyone except Tiffany Kornegay (LA'12) from last season's Sweet 16 squad and earning the school's second-highest preseason rank in the d3hoops.com poll. The Jumbos made it through their season-opening tournament without a loss for the first time in four years, but still didn't look their best, beating the host Skidmore College 50-30 before sneaking by NESCAC rival Hamilton College, 46-38, in a defensive battle.

But any fears that this year's squad would have the offensive troubles like those that have plagued the program before were alleviated when Tufts scored 70 points in three straight games and averaged a win margin over nearly 24 points across six games to improve to 8-0.

With one game to go before break, and the team moving up to No. 10 in the polls, the undefeated streak became harder and harder to ignore.

"We always said it was the elephant in the room," sophomore point guard Kelsey Morehead said. "Nobody wanted to talk about it, especially with our superstitions."

That final game came against Bridgewater



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After five years at Tufts, senior co-captain Kate Barnosky's career came to an end this week. In her final year, the Jumbos went 25-3, took a share of the NESCAC title, and made it to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament for the second year in a row.

State, who shot the lights out of the gym in the first half and went into the locker rooms with a six-point lead. But Tufts responded, going on an offensive spurt of its own and doing just enough to eke out a 67-66 win.

"Ending on a win and knowing we could pull out those tough games proved very helpful going forward," Morehead said.

Tufts cruised to two more victories after break before opening their NESCAC season against Williams. The Jumbos wasted no time setting the tone, going on a 13-4 run to begin the game, and keeping the Ephs at arm's length much of the way. They were still leading by 11 with two-and-a-half to go, but poor decision-making allowed Williams to go on a 7-0 run in one minute, and left Tufts remembering late game collapses of years past. Morehead put those fears to rest, executing a cut on an inbounds pass perfectly and putting away the game-sealing layup as the shot clock expired.

"It was awesome beating Williams because they've always been our rivals," Barnosky said. "They were kind of like an Amherst team to us where we'd play tough games but couldn't beat them, so doing so was great, and even a goal we had set."

The following day, the Jumbos defeated Middlebury, 54-41, marking coach Carla Berube's 200th win, and extending their winning streak to 13 games — the longest in program history. Sophomore Hannah Foley's weekend, which included

13 points against Williams and 10 against Middlebury, earned her NESCAC Player of the Week honors.

"When we broke the longest streak in the history of our program, that is really when we took a step back and realized that this year is something special," Barnosky said.

From there, a battle of the undefeated between Amherst and Tufts seemed inevitable. The Jumbos won each of their next nine games by double digits, improving to 8-0 in the NESCAC and 22-0 overall and climbing as high as No. 5 in the polls — the best mark in program history.

The Jumbos entered LeFrak Gymnasium looking to end an eight-game losing streak to the Lord Jeffs spanning six years. But, by that point in the season, Tufts had begun to show wear and tear. Morehead was suffering from concussion symptoms from the night before, while multiple players were under the weather. They hung close the entire way but could never quite get out in front, and a banked three-pointer by senior Marcia Voigt, as the shot clock expired in the closing minutes, sealed the win for Amherst.

"We knew we didn't play our best against Amherst, and still only lost by six," Morehead said. "I think that was another reminder of how good we are and how good we can be."

Winter storm Nemo gave the Jumbos

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## WOMEN'S SPRING BREAK

### Women's teams to spend break hard at work

BY ALEX BAUDOIN  
Daily Editorial Board

While much of the student body will be vacationing, visiting friends or spending time with family over spring break, athletes at Tufts will be training with their teams in anticipation of the start of the spring season. Spring break is an important time for all of the Jumbos, as it provides an opportunity for players to practice and play games without the day-to-day rigors of classes and studying. For some teams, next week will be the first chance to play outdoors.

With that in mind, here is the Daily's preview of what some Jumbos will be doing over spring break.

#### Women's Lacrosse

Following a 2012 season that saw the Jumbos lose in NESCAC quarterfinals, the women's lacrosse team has split its first two games of the 2013 campaign, falling to Hamilton on the road before defeating Conn. College at home Tuesday night. Despite losing its first game, the Jumbos have confidence in themselves going forward.

"The first few weeks have been

going very well," said senior co-captain attackman Kerry Eaton, who finished with second highest point total for the Jumbos last season. "Everyone is working really hard, and we have been practicing with a lot of intensity. Our loss to Hamilton was disappointing, but we have come back from it and are looking better than before."

Coach Carol Rappoli's squad is heading to Long Island for part of the break, where they will take on Farmingdale State on March 19 before coming home to play NESCAC rival Colby at home on March 23. The time in Long Island will be crucial for the Jumbos in helping them gain momentum as they enter NESCAC play.

#### Women's Track and Field

The women's track and field team will take a different course for spring break than most other squads on campus, as the team just officially finished their winter season a couple of weeks ago. While the team has no formal plans for spring break, each athlete will receive personalized workouts and is expected to complete them on their own. Although there isn't any official downtime in between seasons,

the coaches stress that the recess should be used to make sure each athlete stays in shape even during the time off.

"We have been working a lot on strength and conditioning," senior co-captain Sarah Schiferl said. "The downtime between seasons is not much for most of us, but we like to treat it like a miniature preseason and put in the work that will help carry us through the next few months. Some of the races and the field events that we do outdoors are different, so we are focusing on maintaining what was good from indoor while getting reacquainted with the events that we have not done since last spring."

It is important for the Jumbos to start the season on the right foot, as they have only six weeks between now and NESCAC Championships on April 27.

Until then, team members will focus on making the necessary personal adjustments to put themselves in a position to succeed as their meets get under way.

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