

Sororities at capacity after fall recruitment

BY LIZZ GRAINGER
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Tufts sororities Alpha Phi, Alpha Omicron Pi (AOII) and Chi Omega jointly hosted fall recruitment for the first time in several years, collectively offering a total of 21 bids.

Last year, only AOII and Alpha Phi participated in fall recruitment, while Chi Omega abstained because it had reached membership capacity. The membership quota each sorority is expected to meet, set by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, was raised last year from 60 to 88, according to Chi Omega President Linzy Prudden.

Though interest in Greek life has grown each year, this year is the first in recent memory when Chi Omega has been below capacity, Prudden, a junior, said.

"That's partially because we had a lot of seniors graduate and we also accepted a smaller pledge class in the spring," Prudden said.

Prudden noted that sororities with numbers below total are encouraged to recruit new members. Chi Omega offered nine bids this recruitment period, while AOII offered eight and Alpha Phi offered four.

While the three sororities par-

ticipate in a formalized spring recruitment process organized by the Panhellenic Council each January, fall recruitment is less structured, with each chapter left to organize its own events, according to Prudden.

"It's a pretty informal process and so people don't necessarily register for recruitment, it works more off of a referral process," Prudden said. "What happens is a number of girls were referred to us and we also had an open house in which both freshmen and sophomores could come that both were and weren't referred."

Fall recruitment differs from spring rush in its lack of a generally assured bid system, through which those who attend all rush events are guaranteed to receive a bid from one of the three chapters, according to Alpha Phi President Jaime Morgen, a junior. Fall recruitment instead serves to fill the remaining open slots.

AOII hosted the most formal rush events of the three chapters this year and offered all of its eight bids to sophomores, according to AOII President Alexandra Haruben.

"We had three open parties. They were open to anyone who was interested," she said. "People

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Vice Provost Newell to assume new position at Harvard

BY MELISSA WANG
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Vice Provost Peggy Newell will be leaving Tufts on Nov. 1 after 30 years to serve as Harvard University's first deputy provost.

"It's an opportunity that came up very unexpectedly," she said. "It's an exciting new opportunity and a new challenge."

Newell began her career at Tufts in 1982 as the Sackler School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences' registrar, later becoming the school's assistant dean and then associate dean. She also became associate dean for special programs at the School of Medicine and, beginning in 1998, the associate provost for research.

She has most recently served eight years as vice provost, assuming the role of interim provost and senior vice president during the 2011-2012 academic year before Provost David Harris filled the position this fall.

Some of Newell's most notable undertakings at Tufts include the creation of the Office of Proposal Development, which helps faculty members find research funding opportunities, and the founding of the Office of Technology Licensing and Industry Collaboration to



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Vice Provost Peggy Newell will assume the post of deputy provost at Harvard University in November.

manage the school's intellectual property portfolio.

Newell is also recognized for overseeing the university's research policies, such as the use of human subjects and laboratory animals in experimentation.

"I think that we have made a lot of difference in the support of the faculty and their research,"

Newell said. "I certainly did not do that alone. I did that with a whole team of people and fabulous staff and the Office of the Vice Provost, very dedicated and talented people who helped to carry out all of that."

According to Newell, one of her proudest accomplishments

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DEBATE COVERAGE

Brown and Warren meet for second Senate debate

Senator Scott Brown (R-Mass) and Harvard Law Professor Elizabeth Warren and faced off for the second time last night in a televised debate at 7 p.m. at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

David Gregory, anchor of NBC's Meet the Press, moderated the debate.

Warren, a Democrat, and Brown (LA '81), a Republican and the incumbent in the race, answered questions on subjects ranging from personal character and bipartisanship to the national debt and foreign policy.

Gregory began the debate by asking Warren to clarify remarks regarding her Native American heritage, which she self-reported to Harvard University when she applied for a teaching position there.

"I have never used the information about my Native American heritage to gain an advantage," Warren said.

On bipartisanship, Brown touted his record as a moderate and independent working with both Republicans and Democrats.

"I don't work for anybody. I work for the people of Massachusetts," Brown said, citing his rank as the second-

least-partisan senator in the U.S. Senate.

Warren stated that she would be able to work with Republicans depending on the issues at hand, citing her experience heading the Congressional Oversight Panel in 2008.

"About half of the recommendations we made were unanimous," she said.

Brown did not say whether he would vote for the recommendations of the Simpson-Bowles commission, but argued that Congress continues to raise taxes all the time. He stated that he would not raise taxes during a recession.

Warren responded by lambasting his signing of Grover Norquist's pledge to not raise taxes and Brown's refusal to revoke subsidies for oil companies.

On foreign policy, Warren stated that the United States should exit Afghanistan at a faster rate than President Barack Obama's timetable indicates, whereas Brown stated he would rely on the judgment of the generals and the commander in chief.

Later in the debate, students from UMass Lowell posed questions to the candi-

dates. A student asked what the candidates would do to help new college graduates find jobs.

Warren said she would invest in the future through education, roads, water and energy.

"We need a good federal partner, someone who will fight for us," she said.

Brown said he believes a lack of regulatory and tax certainty is responsible for the difficulty in finding jobs. Since businesses do not know how regulations and taxes will change in the future, he said, they are reluctant to hire new workers.

Gregory ended the debate with a series of lighter questions.

When asked why Massachusetts has never elected a female governor or senator, Warren responded, "Right now I'm trying to do something about it."

When asked what he admired about Warren, Brown noted her accomplishments as a professor.

"I'm going to do everything in my power to make sure she keeps that position," he said.

—by Audrey Michael

Missing person contact policy clarified

BY MENGHAN LIU
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Student Affairs Coordinator Leah Knobler on Sept. 21 addressed the university's missing person contact policy in an email to all students as a way to ensure that students are aware of the policy.

The policy, which was adopted following the federal Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008, allows students to register someone other than their designated emergency contact to be notified in the event they are reported to be missing, the email said.

While there is currently no automated process online for students to designate a separate missing person contact, students who would like to do so may email Knobler, who currently manages a manual database. Only Knobler and the Tufts University Police Department can access this information.

Tufts in the past has included the missing person notification policy as part of a more general policy email sent out at the beginning of each academic year. This year, a separate email

was written for the first time as part of the administration's efforts to facilitate increased communication with the student body, Knobler said.

"People weren't necessarily paying a lot of attention," Dean of Student Affairs Bruce Reitman said. "It's been in the student handbook for years. This is actually informing people more aggressively."

Reitman said that the policy allows for an important distinction between a student's designated emergency contact and a missing person contact, giving students another mechanism for providing authorities with someone to call.

At Tufts, a student's permanent address is fed into the Student Information System (SIS) during the initial admissions process. Students may then go online to WebCenter or SIS to update their local address or designate an emergency contact. However, many students never fill out their emergency contact information, assuming their family will be contacted in case of emergency, according to Reitman.

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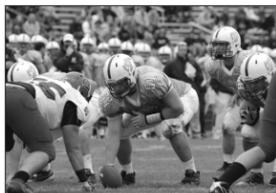
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Tufts looks to add fourth sorority

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were able to come in and talk to sisters and just casually get to know what AOII is and what we're all about."

Alpha Phi had the fewest number of open spots, offering bids to four of the 14 girls that showed interest, according to Morgen. She noted that the chapter gave preference to the older students.

"We decided to just do very informal events because we couldn't take a lot of girls like the other two sororities," Morgen said. "We got girls' names from people in our chapter already who know transfers or something like that, and we set up individual coffee dates."

The three sororities are eager to fill all their remaining spots in anticipation of formal recruitment next semester, Morgen said. She believes that each chapter reaching capacity will demonstrate to the Panhellenic Council that there is a need for an additional sorority on campus.

"After informal, the three sororities are going to be much closer in size which is really nice, and that also is important to show Panhellenic that there's a lot of interest if all the chapters are around the same size," she said.

Panhellenic Council and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs are considering bringing a new sorority to campus next fall, according to Prudden, and an exploratory committee is currently planning to meet to assess the



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level of need for a fourth chapter.

Another sorority on campus will allow the existing chapters to reduce capacity, reflecting the university's smaller size, according to Morgen.

"The [membership quota] is 88, but it's too big for our chapter houses and it's too big for most spaces on campus," Morgen said.

If the decision to add a fourth sorority is made, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs would offer the opening to the other 23 national sorority chapters not operating on campus.

"If any of the sororities are interested in creating a chapter at Tufts, they apply and then from those applications [Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs] Sue McGlone will choose three chapters and

those three chapters will come to campus and give a presentation about why they think they'd do well on this campus," Prudden said. "From those presentations Tufts ends up choosing one chapter."

The chapter presidents believe that a new chapter will add diversity to Greek life at Tufts and provide a space for a different type of personality.

"It's been these three for a long time," Morgen said. "People who didn't find their match in one of the three will have this new opportunity."

If Tufts approves a new sorority, next year's sophomores and juniors will be able to enter it through informal fall recruitment, while the freshman class of 2017 will participate in formal spring recruitment in 2014,

Colleagues will miss Newell's leadership contributions

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is establishing Tufts' Research Day program, a series of events in which faculty from all of Tufts' campuses put their research on display for graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and other faculty members.

"Every time we've ever had one of those events, somebody has left with a new collaboration and met someone that they didn't meet before," she said. "It's actually very important for people in administrative positions to engage and see the research work that they're supporting so they know why it's so important."

At Harvard, Newell said that she will work on a broad range of duties that pass through the provost's office.

"Initially, my first early responsibilities will relate to the Allston building; they're building a new campus in Allston," she said. "I'll be involved in the planning for the Allston campus and also helping them to assure that academic priorities at Harvard help to drive their fundraising objectives."

Newell said she will miss the friends and colleagues she has worked with at Tufts over the years.

"It was really fun to get to know so many people across so many disciplines and to learn about what they were working on to try to find ways that I could help," she said.

University Professor Sol Gittleman, a former Tufts pro-

vost, praised Newell for her various contributions to Tufts.

"There are very few people at universities who are really able to bring people together and to affect really good communication," he said. "Since the moment she walked on this campus 30 years ago, she had an emotional intelligence that got people to cooperate. That at a university is worth its weight in gold."

President Emeritus Lawrence Bacow worked with Newell for much of his tenure as university president.

"She was widely respected by all for her competence, decency and integrity," Bacow told the Daily in an email. "She was one of the finest academic administrators I have ever been privileged to work with. She will be missed."

Provost David Harris said he is confident that the university will find a well-qualified replacement for Newell before Nov. 1.

"I have already consulted with the deans and other senior leaders regarding options for an interim vice provost for research, and a process for identifying a long-term replacement," Harris told the Daily in an email.

The Tufts administration will hold two community receptions in honor of Newell's work at Tufts. The first is on Oct. 24 at 3:00 p.m. at the Boston campus' School of Dental Medicine Alumni Lounge and the second is on Oct. 25 at 4:00 p.m. at the Medford/Somerville campus' Coolidge Room in Ballou Hall.

Missing person contact distinct from emergency contact

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"This is an unfair assumption because not all students have traditional family situations or relationships with their family," Reitman said. "That's partly what's behind this missing person policy."

The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 is a collection of higher education reforms pushed through by Congress and the United States Department of Education. Section 488 of the document requires any institution participating in a Title IV federal student financial aid program that maintains on-campus housing to adopt a missing student notification policy.

The policy was adopted at a time when adolescent abuse was on the rise, motivating Congress to standardize and speed up the process of locating missing persons, according to Reitman. This included putting out an all-alerts bulletin within 24 hours of a missing person report, informing other area police agencies and contacting whoever the student wanted to be informed.

This is the fourth year since Tufts has instated its missing person notification policy, according to Reitman.

Reitman said that he hopes the university will phase in a systemized process for assigning a missing person contact to all students.

Although the administration is seeking to make students more aware of the option, students like junior Jeremy Ho still feel that they will not use the service.

"If I were to designate a missing person contact, it would be my family anyway," Ho said, pointing out that as an on-campus resident, he believes there is a lower risk that he will go missing. "But I think it's good that students have the option, and they should use it if they think it'll benefit them."

Reitman clarified that Tufts has very rarely had missing persons.

"Usually it's families who call us when they're expecting students to come home during breaks, but they've made other plans," he said.

Cohen slated for renovations this summer

BY STEPHANIE HAVEN
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Cohen Auditorium renovations will begin this summer, upgrading the building's aesthetics and technology to make the space more amenable to both its teaching and performance purposes.

The remodel plan thus far focuses on educational improvements to the facility, such as the installation of a new projector and lectern, which many professors use for large lecture classes in Cohen.

Most of these ideas were developed last semester by a faculty focus group composed of instructors who teach in Cohen, Lois Stanley, Director of University Space Management and Planning, said.

"While our priority is the teaching technology, we're making sure that the changes in lighting and materials in the audio system do not impede, but improve, Cohen as a performance space," Stanley said. "We recognize that Cohen is the largest space for audience shows and that won't change."

From LED lights to more handicap-accessible seating, the remodel will serve as a facelift to Cohen, which has not been updated since 1987, Stanley said. Renovations will also include the installation of a new heating system since the current appliance is malfunctioning, Cohen Auditorium Events Manager Mark Sullivan said.

Refurbishing audience seating in Cohen is a priority, as it is now damaged with torn upholstery and destroyed cushions.

"It seems like a minor trigger, but when you are changing the seats in a major space like this, it'll take the space offline for a while and made us question what else we could do," Stanley said. "It will look fresher when we're done."

Because construction will not begin for a few months, certain plans have not been finalized, Sullivan said. Discussions surrounding the structure of the stage have included a pending proposal to decrease the platform size and incorporate drapery to make it a more conventional performance space.

"It's a pretty daunting project, but pretty exciting too," he said. "I suspect that the demand will go up as other users see what the potential is."

Although Stanley and Sullivan said that Cohen will retain its dual purpose as a teaching and theatrical space after the renovations, some students are skeptical that the proposed construction plan addresses the needs of a performance space, sophomore Nicholas Andre said.

"You can use an auditorium as a classroom, but not a classroom as an auditorium," said Andre, a sound technician who has worked in Cohen. "I'm concerned they might not realize what they're doing, or that they don't care enough. If you're not careful about what you do, you may overlook something a tech or sound person would know how to do."

Stanley said she plans to solicit student input about the changes to guarantee that the renovations will meet the needs of all members of the

Tufts community.

"If it were to be done well, then I think it could be really beneficial," Andre said. "Renovation is a pretty awesome idea because, having worked in that space, it's not optimal for what we need. It's just my concern that everyone's needs be met in the improvement of space on campus."

Stanley expects that construction will conclude before matriculation next fall, but she has begun to arrange alternative spaces for orientation events and other early fall performances in case the project does not finish in time.

Summer programs that have taken place in Cohen in the past, such as the Magic Circle Theatre Camp for children, have already been notified to relocate this year, Sullivan said.

"It's going to be a very tight package," Sullivan said. "The scale of the project, it's going to be tough, but to only do part of it doesn't seem satisfactory."



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Plans for the renovation of Cohen Auditorium include a new audience seating area and other interior improvements. Construction will begin this summer.



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Political activism on campus heats up as elections near

BY HANNAH FINGERHUT
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The Hill was abuzz on Nov. 4, 2008, with the news that then-Senator Barack Obama had been elected the 44th president of the United States. The Experimental College's Election Night Extravaganza drew crowds into Hotung to await the results, and Obama's victory led to festivities among students.

"On election night there was a gigantic, spontaneous celebration [march] down to Davis Square," Director of the Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning & Engagement (CIRCLE) Peter Levine recounted of stories told the following day. "If you'd been here in '08, in that fall of '08, you would've said that they were all very excited about Obama."

Four years later, election season is upon us again, and the youth demographic appears to have a huge stake in the results. A turnout as equally striking as in '08, though, is not expected.

With nearly 46 million 18- to 29-year-old citizens registered to vote, the youth demographic makes up 21 percent of all voters. According to reporting in July by Gallup, though, turnout intentions in this age group are low — especially compared to the national average of 78 percent — with 58 percent of youth asserting they are "definitely likely" to vote in the election.

"I don't really like to lecture or persuade Tufts students that they should vote because I actually think the question of whether or not you should vote is a decent one," Levine said. "What I would say is that groups of people — demographic groups — who vote get a lot better deal in society than groups who don't."

Approximately 90 percent of Tufts students voted in the 2008 election, according to Levine, and the youth vote in general in the 2008 Presidential election contributed significantly to Obama's victory. Despite a relatively normal turnout of 18- to 29-year-olds compared to other years, the atypical aspect of the '08 election was the dramatic Democratic lean of the youth demographic.

Almost 66 percent of young voters chose Obama over McCain, according to the election exit polls. With a youth voter turnout of about 51 percent — 11 percentage points higher than the 2000 election — the decision to vote Democrat seemed to transcend racial and partisan lines, according to CIRCLE's fact sheet, "Young Voters in the 2008 Presidential Election."

Regardless of preference for a candidate, the issues that voters consider most important in this year's election appear to be consistent across all age groups, according to John Richard Skuse Professor of Political Science Jeff Berry.

"For 18- to 29-year-olds, a lot of the issues overlap with those that everyone else is concerned about," he said. "So the economy is number one on everybody's mind regardless of age or any other demographic factor."

Levine cited a survey conducted by CIRCLE that reiterated the widespread concern for economic issues.

"We did a poll in early July of young people, and we asked them what issues are most important to them," he said. "If you're asking about what most people care about, the answer is definitely economic performance and a debate about which party is more likely to get us out of a bad economic era."

As a result, according to Levine, there is not necessarily a separate youth agenda in the campaign, although there are particular social issues that would be of greater significance to young voters, such as lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) rights or environmental concerns. Issues such as these matter intensely to specific members of the demographic, but young citizens as a whole



Students celebrate Obama's victory in Hotung on election night 2008.

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are difficult to pigeonhole into one cause.

"A key thing that we always say about the generation is it's ... not only hard to generalize, but somewhat inappropriate or bad to generalize," Levine said. "In fact, the most important thing about this generation is just how ... splintered it is. You're the most demographically diverse generation in American history."

Consequently, Levine said, both Obama and Romney must be accessible to different young constituencies.

"Whenever anyone's asked to vote, they're much more likely to vote, so campaigns either do that with young people or they don't," he said. "Very often they don't because they think that young people are not very likely to vote comparatively, so they don't bother. But the Obama campaign [has had] a lot of outreach, especially to college youth in '08."

The youth turnout for McCain, on the other hand, was the worst for a presidential candidate in American history, Levine added.

"I think the Romney campaign knows that and is definitely stepping it up," he said.

The result is proactive campaigning through channels that directly reach young voters, par-

ticularly social media. Both campaigns are accessible on multiple social networks, despite a clear lead taken by Obama's efforts.

According to studies by the Pew Research Center, the Obama campaign had a presence on two times as many platforms as the Romney campaign, posting four times as much content, over a two-week period in June.

Yet neither is particularly "social" in his use of social media. According to Pew research, only three percent of Obama's tweets in the same two-week span were retweeted messages and Romney only retweeted a single post, originally posted by his son.

Additionally, voters are increasingly relaying campaign messages via social media outlets, dampening the role of traditional news media. Social media, though, is not the only source of involvement by young voters.

"Another important part is that college students are a great source of volunteers for both campaigns," Berry said. "The Obama campaign in particular is counting on college students to register each other and other voters."

College students in 2008 were a significant part of the Democratic Party campaign efforts. Despite reports by CIRCLE that "election enthusiasm" has decreased since '08, political activism at Tufts has kicked into high gear for the fall semester.

Both Tufts Democrats and Tufts Republicans, as well as the Tufts for Elizabeth Warren and Tufts for Scott Brown subgroups, have begun their campaign initiatives on- and off-campus in earnest.

"We're going to be working closely with Tufts for Elizabeth Warren, with Tufts Students for Barack Obama, the OFA [Obama for America] chapter," Vice President of Tufts Democrats Michael Maskin, a sophomore, said. "We're really just going to try to blast as many events as we can and just try to get everyone involved."

According to Maskin and Tufts Democrats President Bronwen Raff, a senior, the group circulates a weekly newsletter detailing the events it sponsors, including canvassing, phone banking for both Obama and Warren and hosting watch parties for the national Presidential debates, among others.

Although some students have not been as energized by the 2012 Obama campaign's message compared to that of 2008, Raff finds that the issues of this election are tremendously pertinent to campus.

"As far as I'm concerned, I think this election is probably one of the most relevant for students," she said. "I think what is at stake in this election is super critical to student loans, student health care — maybe the campaign isn't as cool, maybe Michael Franti isn't writing rap songs about it anymore, but I think it's much more important than it was four years ago."

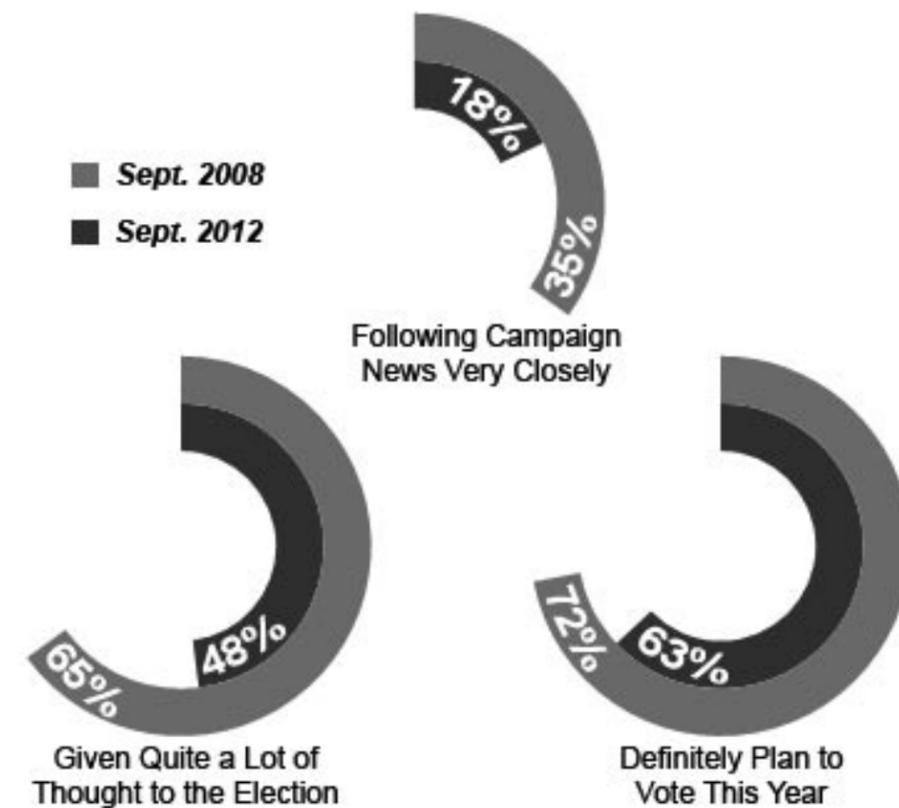
Tufts Republicans is also working to increase their presence on campus this semester. Now with about 150 email addresses on their mailing list, Tufts Republicans co-presidents Bennett Gillogly and Ryan Grandeau are looking to build momentum as election season heats up.

"We want to change the Tufts Republicans," Gillogly, a junior, said. "We want to be a club devoted to wherever you might be on the political spectrum, discussing the issues, discussing topics, discussing this election and really getting a chance to be involved in this campaign cycle."

According to Gillogly, who is also the president of Tufts for Scott Brown, Tufts Republicans is campaigning solely for Scott Brown from now until the election. They plan to table, increase activity online through social media and invite members of the Scott Brown campaign to Tufts to speak, among other events.

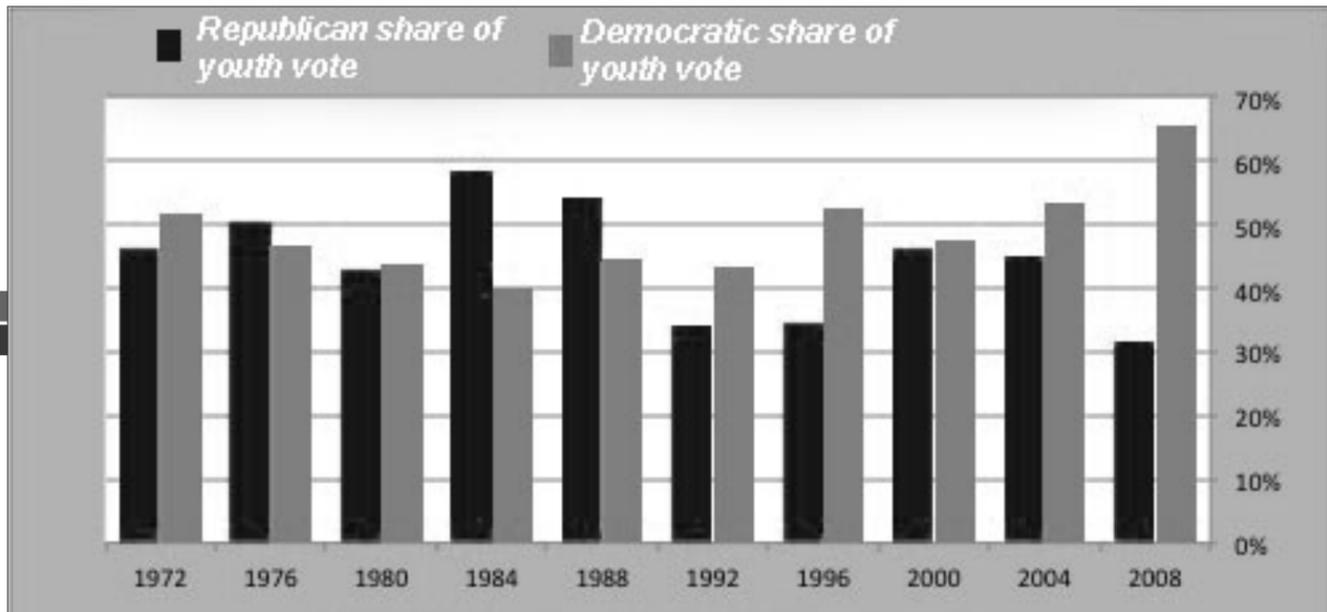
Both partisan groups, though, are also concentrating their efforts on voter registration.

"It's almost ironic, especially at a time when



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Polling conducted by the Pew Research Center compare the percentage of engaged young registered voters — ages 18 to 29 years old — this September to that of Sept. 2008. Asking respondents whether they have given quite a lot of thought to the election, have followed campaign news very closely and definitely plan to vote this year, the poll demonstrates that youth engagement is currently low compared to four years ago.



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A striking 66 percent of young voters chose Obama over McCain in the 2008 Presidential election. Despite a high Democratic share of the youth vote four years ago, this turnout is rather unusual compared to past years, where the split was less extreme, according to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE)'s analysis of the National Election Exit Polls.

so many of the issues pertain to our generation the quintessential notion is that politics goes in favor of those who show up," Gillogly said. "You hear our generation complaining significantly about issues with student loans, issues with the debt that we are going to inherit, et cetera. But then we are the most, frankly, pathetic voter demographic and the question is how do we change that?"

According to Raff and Gillogly, registering students to vote is a priority, and they will each be working with other political organizations on campus to get out the vote. Tufts Votes, a non-partisan subgroup of the Institute for Political Citizenship (IPC), is aiming to be the umbrella organization for all voter registration efforts on campus.

"Our goal is to — whether it's the Elizabeth Warren campaign or Tufts Republicans or the LGBT center — anyone who wants to do a voter registration effort ... we're going to sort of coalesce the volunteers together," head of Tufts Votes Jacob Wessel, a junior, said. "We're planning big voter registration efforts to get everyone on campus registered and make sure that all the logistical nightmares are more on our end [so that] ... students [aren't] worrying about them."

Beyond registration drives, non-partisan efforts contribute substantially to the dialogue among students on campus this semester.

"The [IPC] is a group that is all about talking about policy and politics, but trying to have constructive conversations and discussions and educating ourselves about the political issues of the day," Wessel said.

IPC President Eric Peckham, a senior, has been working to provide an outlet for energized students on campus, including hosting viewing parties for the presidential and senatorial debates, presenting various speakers throughout the semester and holding weekly policy forums. Although the policy forums are not new this semester, election-related national issues will be a part of the discussion.

"How this came together is [because] we didn't see a non-partisan venue on campus to talk about public policies and debate that on a domestic level," Peckham said. "The policy forum is a great time, whether you're part of one party or another or don't align

with either, to investigate policies more."

University Provost David Harris sees a need for similar interaction between students and professors on the significant issues of the election. According to Peckham, Harris reached out to the IPC for feedback on initiating such discourse.

This resulted in the Engage the Debate event, which will provide students with a community forum for the Oct. 16 presidential debate, offering a faculty panel followed by a live showing of the debate.

"The five panelists will provide foundational information, based on their scholarly expertise, that will allow us all to be more informed consumers of the debate," Harris told the Daily in an email. "This event deviates from much of what we see in the media, which tends to feature dueling advocates trying to convince people to support their position or candidate. We strive to inform, not convert."

With youth engagement across the nation low this campaign cycle, especially compared to 2008, these efforts to involve students in the political process are significant.

According to research done by Pew, only 18 percent of registered young voters — versus 35 percent four years ago — are "following campaign news very closely." Additional research shows that only 50 percent of 18 to 29 year olds are certain that they are registered to vote, as compared with 61 percent in 2008 and 57 percent in 2004.

"Sadly, I don't see [young voters] playing as important a role as I would like," Wessel said. "I think voter turnout among 18- to 29-year-olds is very low, compared to other countries, and that's disheartening to me, as someone whose goal it is right now ... to get everyone out to the polls."

Although he believes that the question of whether or not any individual Tufts student should vote is valid, Levine emphasized that voting should be assessed and carried out conscientiously.

"I think you should think about [it], you should consider it," Levine said. "You're actually in the demographic that does vote and that's going to have quite a lot of influence over the years, so you should vote well, vote responsibly."



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Tufts Votes sponsors a voter registration drive for the election this fall.

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Hegemony, the nation and social media



If Antonio Gramsci were to have an online profile, it would say something like the following: Birthday: January 22, 1891. Occupation: writer, political theorist, sociologist, oh and a founding member and one-time leader of the Communist Party of Italy. Status: imprisoned by Benito Mussolini's Fascist regime and died shortly after in 1937.

So what does one of the most important Marxist thinkers of the 20th century have to do with social media? As my sociology class was getting deep into discussion about his concepts of hegemony and imagined political spaces, I realized that the same theories could easily be applied to social media.

To put a semester of Intro to IR into one sentence, under some definitions the nation-state is not a physical territory but is created through hegemony, through which beliefs and values are imposed upon a community of people that then become accepted and integrated. Benedict Anderson, author of "Imagined Communities," expands upon Gramsci's idea that "imagined space becomes second nature, a structure of feeling, embodied in material practice and lived experience the nation is rendered real through a vast iconic structuring of public social space." Just as the nation-state is articulated through everyday routine, rituals and policies, social media has successfully incorporated itself into many aspects of our lives without us even realizing it.

From the moment we wake up in the morning to when we finally close our books and go to sleep, we are constantly connected to one another through different social media platforms. I'm sure I'm not alone when I admit that before I get out of bed in the morning, the first thing I do is check my phone for updates on my Facebook and Twitter newsfeed. When I'm doing homework and need a break from reading, I'll go on Tumblr to look at what the people I follow have posted. There are people who, without fail, will report on their FourSquare account where they have been, as if not announcing it online is the equivalent of never having been there at all. Periodically checking in on an online network throughout the day has become just as second nature as eating three meals a day.

Our online world has crossed over into our offline world and has even created a new social realm in which we have to learn how to maneuver. For example, am I being a bad friend if I don't comment on your latest Facebook album of Homecoming? Does not following you back on Twitter have the same implications as not waving to you as we pass each other in Dewick?

These days it seems like nearly every major company comes equipped with its own blog, Facebook, Twitter and Tumblr as less formal and more personal ways of connecting with their consumers. On a more local level, Tufts University has a countless number of things to follow and like on the Internet. Even the Somerville Police Department has its own Facebook, Twitter and YouTube channel. Social media also intersects with academic life; the Hans Rosling Statistics video that I had to watch for my Quantitative Research class has more than five million views and 20,000 likes on YouTube.

Being online or offline is no longer limited to physically sitting yourself down in front of a computer and logging in. Social media has us always on and interacting with each other to such an extent that is almost subconscious. In the same way that we accept the nation as natural, social media has constructed its way to being an integral and inevitable part of our lives.

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VOTER REGISTRATION 101

Tips and guidelines for the registration process

- Any student can vote in Massachusetts or their home state.
- The national registration form can be filled out and sent to any state.
- Once you are register to vote, it must be processed before an absentee ballot request can be processed, so they cannot be sent in at the same time.
- You can take your filled-out forms to Tisch College — the Lincoln Filene Center — and hand it to the receptionist to mail for you. You can also stop by one of the registration drives with filled out forms that need to be mailed or for help registering.

Stop by registration drives for more information or help registering:

- Tuesday, Oct. 2 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Houston Hall
- Wednesday, Oct. 3 from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Presidential debate viewing party in Cabot Auditorium
- Thursday, Oct. 4 from 1:30-2:30pm in Dewick and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Campus Center

You can also check out the Tufts Votes website at Activecitizen.tufts.edu/vote or the websites for well known voter registration initiatives:

- Longdistancevoter.org
- Rockthevote.com
- Studentvoterproject.org

Massachusetts Voter Registration Form — deadline Oct. 17th

"4: Address where you live now"

- Students must put the actual address of their dorm, as compared with their mailing address. For example, Bush Hall residents would use "29 Latin Way."
- List your room number as the apartment number.
- Check that you are using the correct town: uphill dorms use Medford, while downhill dorms use Somerville.

"5: Address where you receive all your mail"

- This address will be the one you use to receive packages: Dorm Room Number and Hall, Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155

"7: Identification #"

- If you do not have a Massachusetts license, make sure you use the last four digits of your social security number to ensure your registration is processed.

Absentee Ballots

- There are different deadlines for every state — not only for voter registration, but also for absentee ballot requests. Deadlines can be as early as Oct. 9th.
- Absentee ballot requests must be from your specific state, often times your specific county. There is no national absentee ballot request form.
- When you finish filling out your request, make sure you check where you should be sending it. It may need to be addressed to the Registrar of your county, city or town.

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TV REVIEW

Crime drama 'The Mob Doctor' falls flat

Poor characterization and weak plot kill new drama

BY ALEX KAUFMAN
Daily Editorial Board

What would you do to protect your loved ones and keep them out of harm's way? Dr. Grace Devlin (Jordana Spiro)

The Mob Doctor



Starring **Jordana Spiro, William Forsythe, James Carpinello**
Airs **Mondays at 9 p.m. on FOX**

answer is "anything," despite her debt to the Chicago mafia. The show's writers, however, do little to ensure the success of FOX's new crime drama, "The Mob Doctor," as they indulge every mob cliché and trite familial stereotype known to television.

"The Mob Doctor" begins with a slow, lethargic voice-over by the doctor herself about the first time she saw a dead body as a little girl. The monologue, as well as the first half of the show, was as monotonous and dead as the corpse shown on screen. Grace says that, despite her age, she wasn't afraid to touch what turns out to be her father's body. This character presentation, though unusual, is a laughable attempt by the show to garner some sort of awe factor for the mob doctor. It doesn't work.

The lackluster acting continues as each new character appears on screen, whether they are at the hospital, at home or in one of several locations where Devlin performs her mafia duties.

The pilot wastes no time in diving face first into a bramble thicket of a plot. Dr. Devlin has made a deal with Moretti, played by Michael Rapaport, a hot-headed, degrading mob boss, and she will do whatever is necessary to save her brother's life. An opportunity to do so arises when an FBI witness



NATHANIEL BELL / FOX

A dull cast is one of many issues in "The Mob Doctor."

enters the hospital where she works. If she kills the witness, Moretti will consider her debt settled.

To give the show credit, "Mob Doctor" effectively crafts a female-centric drama whose lead lacks insecurities and isn't immediately relegated to a domestic position.

Strident, sure of herself and chronically unfazed, Devlin bravely confronts her superiors in every situation, despite the danger they pose to her. "Mob Doctor" takes no missteps in creating a brilliant and skillful doctor who singlehandedly — and against her superior's orders — saves patients

and manages her and her family's wellbeing.

What "The Mob Doctor" gains in its depiction of the lead character, though, it quickly loses due to lack of a moral compass. The mob provides an excellent "bad guy" for the viewer to root against. Devlin is comparatively appealing as a good-guy doctor that an audience can get behind while she protects her family. But let's consider just for a moment what the doctor did in the pilot to get the outcome she thought was "best."

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COMEDY REVIEW

Friedlander was hilariously deadpan at Boston Comedy Festival

BY ALEX LEVINE
Contributing Writer

Late Saturday night in a fully packed room at the Somerville Theater, Judah Friedlander performed a 50-minute set to a raucous crowd ready to be entertained, insulted and, most importantly, educated in how great Judah Friedlander is.

Friedlander, who calls himself the "World Champion," was wearing an unhip denim jacket embroidered with the title, as well as his signature trucker hat that also bares the "Champion" moniker. He proclaimed himself "the best athlete in the world, greatest martial artist, the sexual desire of every

woman and a role model to children."

Friedlander's act may sound fairly similar to the all-too-familiar Chuck Norris jokes or to the "Most Interesting Man in the World" character made famous in Dos Equis commercials. It certainly isn't the most original concept. However, when JFriedlander announces his excellence on-stage with such spot-on deadpan delivery combined with his adept improvisational skills, it makes absurd comedic bragging feel completely fresh again. Plus, he's actually funny — unlike Chuck Norris jokes.

This is the entire concept of his act

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JOHN DALTON VIA FLICKR CREATIVE COMMONS

Friedlander impressed the audience with his deadpan delivery and witty improvisation.

ALBUM REVIEW

Band of Horses gallops into new sonic arena

BY SEDEF SEKER
Contributing Writer

A huge change in sound and genre are immediately apparent during a first listen to Band of Horses' new

Mirage Rock

Band of Horses



Columbia

album, "Mirage Rock." In contrast to the fresh, raw sound of Band of Horses' first album, "Everything All the Time" (2006), "Mirage Rock" will surprise its listeners with its more mature and developed sound. For listeners who enjoyed the band's previously natural and mild tunes, the new album might be a little disappointing. However, for those who are interested in the band's stylistic development, "Mirage Rock" will be a great experience.

From the opening song, the band signals that this album marks an evolution. Compared to Band of Horses' distinctive indie tracks previously produced, such as "The Funeral" and "Part One," the opening song of "Mirage Rock" is instantly recognizable as mainstream rock. With the help of its new producer,

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JOE STILE | BASSIC

On the verge of a breakdown



Getting arrested a few weeks ago has thrown Fiona Apple back into the limelight, a place she seems to occupy uneasily. Apple's music is tremendously candid, and her songs are a direct look into her messy and chaotic sense of being. Her current single, "Every Single Night," exemplifies how Apple is able to put all of her feelings and her mental outlook onto every record she makes.

"Every Single Night" might as well be classified as an emotional poem. Elementary, minimal notes back the song; its instrumentation is mostly just a few simple piano chords that sound like a child's broken music box. After all, the song is made to be a showcase of Apple's best features: her cutting vocals and her ingenious lyrics.

Being emotionally honest is one of the hardest things to do in life — people are sarcastic, defensive, detached, mean and hundreds of other things just to avoid being truly open. Openness leads to vulnerability. This is why Apple's music is so radical; her songs leave her completely unfastened. "Every Single Night" is her life in that moment, failings and all.

While giving an interview early in her career, Apple said, "I decided if I was going to be exploited, I would do the exploiting myself." She then created a niche for herself where her life and art are simultaneously part of and a critique of celebrity culture. In a world where Lady Gaga gaining a few pounds is front-page news and where people eagerly watch as Lindsay Lohan self-destructs, Apple gives unfiltered access to her battles with all her demons. She gives her audience a glimpse inside her mind, and her lyrics are painfully honest, whether they discuss Apple's losing fights against mental illness, her struggles with body image or her cancerous love affairs.

On "Every Single Night," Apple's voice is jittery. She whispers, yells, quivers, screams and seems as though she could go berserk at any moment. Even without lyrics, her vocals show just how unhinged she is. She can't keep on one note for too long, and she switches between high-pitched murmuring and primal shouting from second to second.

This all fits into how she "wants to feel everything," a lyric she repeats numerous times throughout the track. The fact that Apple sings the line at the highest part of her vocal range also emphasizes how she wants the extremes in her life. The delivery makes the line sound like it's a whimpered plea, as if she is begging us to just let her have her pain despite how it cripples her life. Fiona Apple is refusing to be numb.

It's why even though every night is a serious struggle for her psyche and her well-being, she says that "every fight's alright with my brain." She struggles, but the pain allows her to experience the moment and be who she is. As she later puts it, "What I am is what I am/ 'cause I does what I does." Apple does and feels the things she does because it is a part of who she is. To deny those events and emotions would be to reject her true self.

Fiona Apple took a seven-year break between releasing this song and the album that came before it, and in that time she has honed the ability to distill her essence and her experiences into a few choice lyrics. While listening to "Every Single Night," you may not feel like you know Fiona Apple, but you'll know what it feels like to be her. It's an experience that's as fascinating as it is troubling.

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New producer changes up the Band of Horses sound

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Glyn Johns, Band of Horses has started exploring more elements of bluegrass and country as well. The country sound is much more obvious in the album's second song, "How to Live." The third track, "Slow Cruel Hands of Time," features a combination of the band's old and new sounds. The acoustic song is simple but beautiful, and its harmonies recall the raw, natural style that Band of Horses is famous for. The track also hints at the band's new bluegrass influence.

At some points, the album seems to represent the band members' collective indecision. While some songs are very different from the old style of Band of Horses, the rest of them feel as raw and melodic as any of Band of Horses' old material. The contrast between the song "A Little Biblical" and its follower, "Shut-in Tourist," is a good example of this indecisiveness. While "A Little Biblical" feels like mainstream rock, "Shut-in Tourist's" simplicity and haunting melodies immediately remind the listener of the band's old style.

With its earlier music, Band of Horses managed to engage with its listeners emotionally and touch them with the beauty of its lyrics and gentle melodies. "Long Vows" and "Heartbreak on the 101" are the most emotionally affecting songs on this new album. With this pair of songs, Band of Horses manages to create the same emotional effect with a totally different style. In "Long Vows", while the melody is calm and soothing, the lyrics are reminiscent of the numbness of prolonged pain: "No one's going to show you the way/when it gets cold/you can find yourself baby/back in the hole from which you came."

The band appropriately closes "Mirage



SEIDENSTUD VIA WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Band of Horses is renowned for its raw, bluesy sound, but has added elements of bluegrass and country with its newest album.

Rock" with the album's most touching song. "Heartbreak on the 101" is influenced by the new style of the band, and its smooth, calm sound is far removed from the band's previous rawness. However, it reminds us of the old Band of Horses with

its immensely natural and sincere melodies and lyrics. Beautiful violin solos and clear, high notes in the chorus are very clear and effective.

With its new spin in genre and style, Band of Horses' new album provides

something a little different than what their old fans are used to. Although this change is a great opportunity for band members to expand themselves, fans of the band's rawness and naturalness should be wary of disappointment.

Friedlander's improvisation skills were a festival highlight

COMEDY

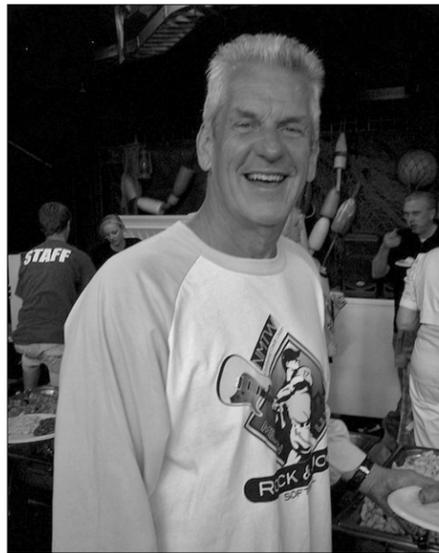
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and provides a loose framework in which he can improvise, express ideas and insult members of the audience ad nauseam. This year it earned him the distinction of the 2012 Boston Comedy Festival's Comedian of the Year. Past winners have included Lewis Black in 2007 and Steven Wright in 2006.

The 10 p.m. show started a little late, with Cambridge local Lenny Clarke (who was awarded the 2012 BCF's Lifetime Achievement Award) serving as the opener. Clarke warmed up the crowd before bringing out two more comedians, host Tony V and Dan Boulger. Tony V performed a short but effective bit of basic observational comedy, while the baby-faced Boulger (who himself won the BCF Standup Competition in 2006 at the age of 20) performed a stunning set filled with absurdist one liners and obscene routines, with highlights including bits on the racism of Ty Cobb and the pratfalls of wearing a sweatshirt and hat with the same sports team logo.

Later, nearly an hour and a half after the slated start time, Friedlander took to the stage. He started off his routine with a couple of random one-liners before going full speed into his World Champion character. Acknowledging election season, Friedlander also performed an entire segment about running for president. Writing about Friedlander's political musings — which include invading South Dakota, moving the Midwest to the North Pole and having Canada pay all of America's taxes — doesn't really do justice to his campaign or comedic abilities. However, when these same skits are performed with his signature blend of sarcasm and apathy, it's hard not to just go along with his character as the greatest man/karate master to ever live.

A talented improviser, Friedlander took advantage of all opportunities to embarrass hecklers in front of the relatively small sold-out crowd (admittedly, the Somerville Theater is not the largest theater in Boston.) Additionally, the comedian went out of his way to engage the audience and frequently



THEBUDMAN623 VIA FLICKR CREATIVE COMMONS

Cambridge local Lenny Clarke received the BCF Lifetime Achievement Award at this year's Boston Comedy Festival.

insulted innocent audience members. A particular highlight was when he insulted a heavily accented Harvard economics professor for not being able to pronounce the word "economics" correctly. Masterfully, Friedlander swung right out of that joke without being too offensive by proclaiming that he too is an educator.

"I'm a part-time economics professor at DeVry University. I also went there on a football scholarship," he quipped.

The absurd exchanges with audience members truly showcased the finesse of his act; Friedlander's performances are an extreme display of farcical braggadocio, yet they also function as self-deprecating humor at its finest. The character Friedlander portrays is all-powerful, yet aware of the falseness of his act. His unkempt appearance alone totally betrays the concept of the World Champion — his combination of bright t-shirts, embroidered trucker hats, denim jackets and oversized glasses frames is a sight to see. But even if not everyone left the theater Saturday night convinced that Friedlander is the champion of the world, we all did agree that the man's deadpan skills are a true force to be reckoned with.

Questionable morals and poor characterization plague 'Mob Doctor'

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During this first episode, 14-year-old Susie Demarco, played by Nadia Alexander, enters the hospital after passing out. She is pregnant, which is something that is frowned upon by her community and which might get Susie's boyfriend in trouble with her father. Susie also risks losing her scholarship to a prestigious high school.

Though Devlin's boyfriend, Dr. Robinson — played by "Friday Night Lights" actor Zach Gilford — would have told Susie's father the truth, Grace encourages Robinson to lie and tell Susie's father that she fainted because of an ovarian cyst. Yes, Dr. Devlin lies to her patient's father about his daughter's condition. The show's morals are more than slightly suspect.

Writers Josh Berman and Rob Wright

executed a predictable and uniform pilot: they introduced a lead character, added some intrigue and created as many subplots as an audience can handle. By the third episode, a few select subplots will doubtlessly come into focus as some are abandoned. If these writers want to keep their show afloat, they ought to add more sincerity to the show's familial relationships will and should strongly consider adding a hint of realism to Dr. Devlin's romantic and professional relationships. Perhaps the show should even consider cutting a few characters, as this might allow Berman and Wright an opportunity to expand on the show's leads. Character development has long been one of FOX's weaknesses, after all.

A doctor can save lives, but an audience won't save "Mob Doctor" if the series doesn't get CPR, stat.



MATHIEU YOUNG / FOX

A strong female lead doesn't redeem 'The Mob Doctor.'

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EDITORIAL

Janitor labor deal shows relevancy of social action

A union that represents 14,000 New England area janitors, including those that work at Tufts under the contractor UGL, reached a tentative deal yesterday with the Maintenance Contractors of New England. The new contract increases janitors' wages 12 to 13 percent over the next four years, and creates a minimum four-hour shift for janitors working in buildings larger than 100,000 square feet, among other changes, according to an article in yesterday's Boston Globe.

The deal reached yesterday displays well how social action can affect real change. The compromise between the janitor union, Service Employees International Union Local 615, and the New England contractors demonstrates a successful attempt to secure

better labor conditions for workers that currently are in bad shape. Two-thirds of the janitors represented by SEIU work less than the 30 hours per week required to earn health benefits, according to yesterday's Globe article.

Consistent and tempered protests and action by the union and its allies kept attention on the issue and paved the way for the deal to take place. Most recently, several hundred janitors protested at a candlelight vigil two nights ago at LoPresti Park in East Boston.

The janitors were prepared to go on strike. Fortunately, such a strike will not take place.

Last month more than 500 union members and supporters rallied for the same cause at Boston Common,

according to an article in Boston University's student-run campus newspaper, The Daily Free Press. Politicians at the event included Massachusetts Lieutenant Gov. Timothy Murray and Gov. Deval Patrick.

This labor deal is significant because it reminds us that cooperative social action is still relevant. Many times it can be easier to surrender to what appears inevitable — the failure of a movement.

However, in this case, the combined efforts of workers and allies yielded a legitimate solution. The success of the compromise found here should inspire in us not only to have faith that movements can still do big things, but that we ourselves can be an integral part of it.

LOUIE ZONG



the usual "missing student" scenario

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear readers,

With the presidential election a mere 35 days away, it's unlikely that today's paper will be the most momentous of Tuesday papers to come. That said, it's still a pretty exciting day at the Daily: Today, we launch our election coverage. Don't worry if the paper just started trembling in your hands; those are just active citizenship shivers. Atta Jumbo.

Every Tuesday leading up to Nov. 6, our Features section will be tackling and dissecting some of this election season's most pertinent issues. And though any news source worth skimming will be jam-packed with election coverage this month, no other outlet will bring the conversation back to this campus the way we will.

Flip to page 4 today for Executive Features Editor Hannah Fingerhut's

piece on the youth demographic, its role in the election and the state of political activism on campus. In coming weeks, look forward to features on the economy, education, women's rights, the job market, student loans, LGBT rights and more.

If you currently find your eyes straying back to the comic at the center of this page, you may be pleased to know that our election coverage will also include infographics. It is the 2012 election, after all, and I like to think we're pretty hip for a print paper. And we haven't forgotten the online-inclined — our blog, Jumbo Slice, will be jumping on the campaign bandwagon, too.

Now, here's the part where you come in. As I've said before, this paper ultimately belongs to you, the reader, which is why we're so invested in linking our campaign coverage to

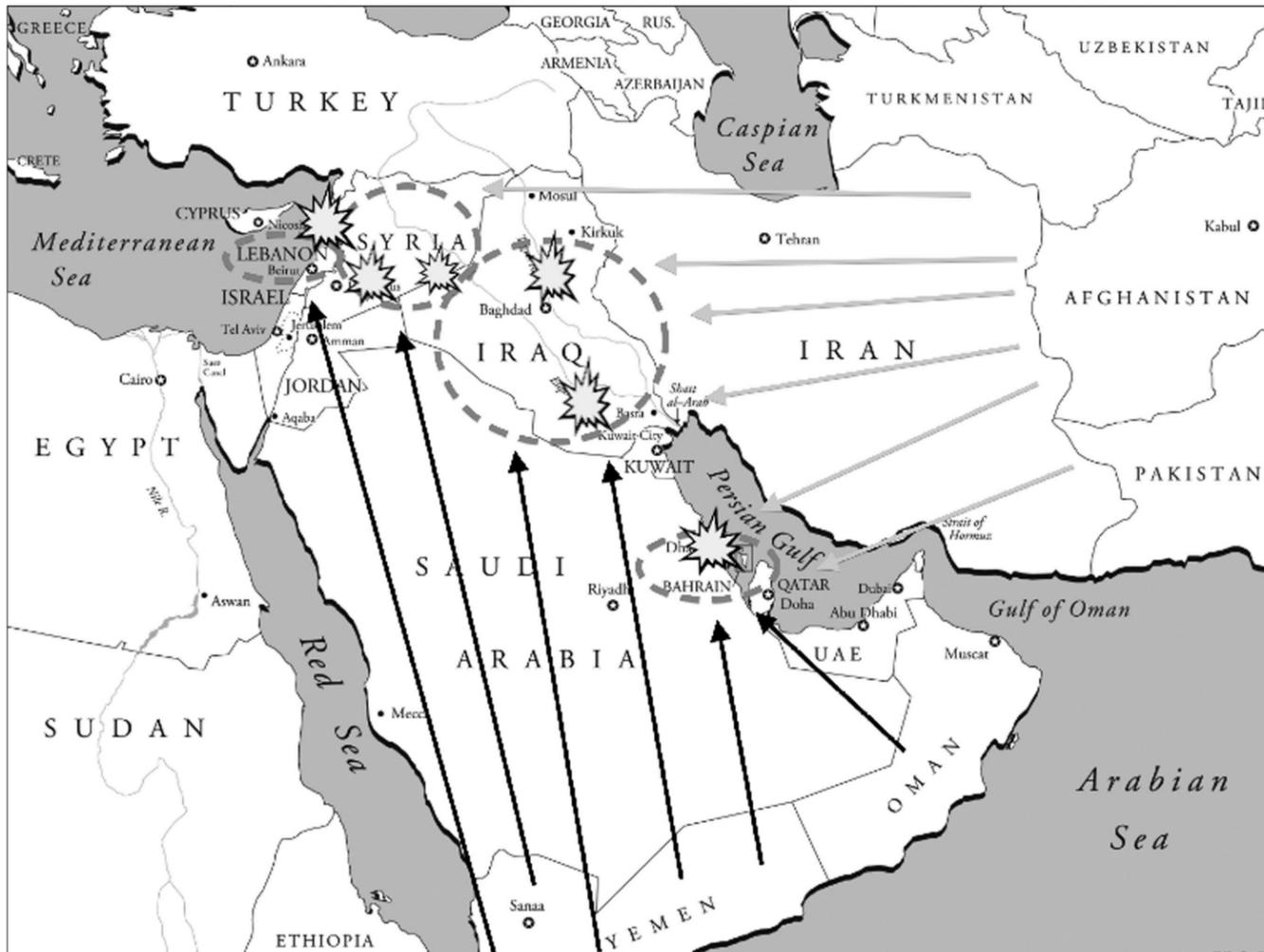
the Hill.

But maybe we'll gloss over an issue you're extremely invested in. Maybe you're not voting at all and you want to see your experience represented. Maybe you'll have a few words to say about a candidate or an issue. Maybe you'll have a few hundred words to whip into an Op-Ed.

I hope you'll leave comments on our website, tweet us @TuftsDaily or email me at editor@tuftsdaily.com to let us know what's on your mind as Nov. 6 approaches.

We genuinely want to hear from you, and — if nothing else — we're definitely easier to get ahold of than Romney or Obama.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Santiago
Editor-in-Chief



COURTESY HANI AZZAM

The road not taken

BY HANI AZZAM

At last week's U.N. General Assembly, Egypt's first democratically elected president Muhammad Morsi warned that, "[the] acceptance by the international community of the principle of preemptiveness, or the attempt to legitimize it, is in itself a serious matter and must be firmly confronted to avoid the prevalence of the law of the jungle." Although implicitly referring to Israel's belligerent verbiage towards Iran, Morsi's analogy actually encompasses the broader contemporary Middle East during this period of tumultuous change.

Commentators now widely acknowledge the Arab Spring's evolution into an Arab Summer, and, like most summers in the Arab world, it's a blistering one. The seeds of revolution have either sprouted into flawed, but fledgling, democracies in Tunisia, Libya, and Egypt, or withered into bloody conflict and repression in Syria and Bahrain, forming a kindling that now carpets the floor of a forest teetering between verdancy and self-immolation.

In this context, the world must heed President Morsi's cautionary metaphor. The Arab Awakening, by giving deserved voice and influence to the mercurial whims of public opinion, has made the region's previously most secular and iron-fisted governments now malleable. As with any malleable object, these countries stand more susceptible than ever to the shaping and molding of those more solid, stable, and often autocratic nations that surround them. Any discussion of military action against Iran by Israel or the U.S. must acknowledge this reality, as well as the dry underbrush upon which they spark their weapons.

A harem of seductresses now vies for the spot next to the "awakening" Arabs in civilization's cradle. Iran positions itself as the influential patron behind an emerging Shia undercurrent stretching from Tehran to Beirut. However, this vision runs perpendicular—both ideologically and geographically—to the Saudi desire to enhance their own regional standing through support of groups aligned with their extreme interpretation of Sunni Islam. These conflicting goals now play themselves out by either violent or political means in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, and Bahrain, a string of countries with mixed Sunni-Shia populations that form a buffer zone between their respective benefactors. Both Iran and Saudi Arabia see the retention or implantation of friendly governments along this arc of confrontation as

vital to their respective national interests. Iranian-backed Hezbollah vies for control of the government with the Future Movement in Lebanon, while Sunni rebels armed by the Gulf States do battle with the Iranian-funded Assad regime across the border in Syria. In Iraq, the Shia-dominated, Iranian-leaning government recently sentenced its Sunni vice president to death, and in the Persian Gulf Kingdom of Bahrain the Sunni Al-Khalifa ruling family violently attacks democratic Shia protests with physical and material aid from Saudi Arabia.

In my Anthropology of War and Peacemaking class, we recently viewed the documentary *Fog of War*, in which former Defense Secretary Robert McNamara outlines eleven lessons learned from his experiences during the Vietnam War. The first one is to empathize with your enemy.

As Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu continues his aggressive posturing against the Iranian regime, he must learn from the wisdom of this elder statesman McNamara, who himself led his country into a bloody, unpopular, and now considered unnecessary war in Vietnam. Netanyahu should take Iranian rhetoric for its intended response, rather than its face value. Any good politician employs words as catalysts rather than contracts, and if anyone needs to inspire a positive reaction it's Iran. Despite the Western media's tendency to conflate Iranian prowess and influence, they've had a bad few years in terms of foreign relations.

American armies still occupy Afghanistan on Iran's eastern border; American money still holds huge financial and military sway in Iraq to the west, and international sanctions are greatly hindering the Iranian economy. Meanwhile, their regional allies suffer at the hands of the Saudis, their Gulf allies, and their proxies. Hamas remains isolated and confined to Gaza, while Western and Gulf donor money flows to their Fatah rivals through the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank. Iran watched helplessly as less than 100 miles away, the Saudi army, with American complicity, violently crushed a popular and peaceful revolution led by the Shia majority in Bahrain against its Sunni monarchy. Finally, the Syrian conflict epitomizes the jungle mentality now threatening to engulf the region. Supplied and supported by Iran, the Assad regime now battles for survival against a Sunni-led, Saudi-equipped and American-encouraged rebellion. No coincidence that Assad means "lion" in Arabic.

Under these circumstances, the Iranian regime relishes verbal confrontation with the Arabs' historical enemy, Israel. By tapping into a popular sentiment, the Iranians are attempting to increase their beneficiaries' popularity, and thereby enhance their power. In political contests and armed conflict across the region, Iran cannot match superior Saudi and American funding and technology, but by simply posturing as a counterweight to Israel, they can still compete for influence in molding the Arab Awakening to their benefit. The Americans and Saudis desperately want to do this as well, but American politicians won't risk offending Israel, and the Gulf States won't risk their lucrative business deals with the Americans.

Even an Israeli strike on Iranian nuclear facilities could bolster Iran's regional reputation. An Iranian response coordinated with Hamas and Hezbollah, while unable to match the firepower of the Israeli Defense Forces, could wreak enough havoc on Israel to propel the Iranians to new popularity levels in the Arab world. We need only look back to 2006 when Hezbollah briefly became the champion of the Muslim world for "defeating" the IDF with a casualty ratio of about one Israeli soldier killed for every five Hezbollah fighters. Iran would need to only bloody Israel's nose to accomplish its objective of increased prestige.

With this in mind, I suggest that Prime Minister Netanyahu follow the great American poet Robert Frost's famous advice and, when reaching two divergent roads in this Middle Eastern forest, take the one less traveled. Rather than continue its history of volatile relations with its neighbors and oppression of Palestinians under its occupation, Israel can pursue a policy dramatically different from its past. If Netanyahu considers Iran to be Israel's mortal enemy, he can dramatically undercut their regional power by halting, or at least reducing, the policies that make Iranian rhetoric so popular among the Arab people. I believe that this will force the Iranian regime to back away from its bellicose language and policies, as the utility of such actions, contextualized in Iran's regional competition with the Saudis, would greatly decrease.

Perhaps Mr. Netanyahu, if he is to take the road less traveled by, can make all the difference, especially in such a volatile forest.

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CRAIG FRUCHT | ROAD TO NOVEMBER

Flame wars



Tomorrow marks the beginning of presidential debate season. But before I get into that, I want to talk about a debate I got into last week. It took place over Facebook.

There is perhaps no hour less productive than the one spent participating in a Facebook political debate. You drop whatever work you should be doing, you scour the Internet looking for statistics to rebut your opponent, and if you're like me, you edit and re-edit your posts to make sure they're free of grammatical errors.

You do all this without the slightest hope of changing a single person's mind. "Winning" usually means you post an argument so long-winded your opponent simply doesn't have the energy to respond to it. You're mostly just seizing an excuse to blather on about a subject in which your real-life friends can barely feign interest anymore, which is also the primary motivation for writing a Daily column.

Even by Facebook flame-war standards, this one was trivial. It began with a Facebook status from my brother that criticized Republicans for blaming Mitt Romney's declining poll numbers on the polls themselves rather than on the ineptitude of their candidate.

A Republican we both know posted a sneering reply in which he claimed that anyone who understands how polls work knows that mainstream outlets weight their samples to match the 2008 electorate and are thus working under a false assumption that Democratic turnout will be equally strong this time around.

Though the statistics geek in me is tempted, I'll refrain from delving into the nitty-gritty details of polling methodology and the miracle of random sampling. Suffice to say, the above assertion is nonsense. Mainstream pollsters like Marist, Quinnipiac and The Washington Post don't weight the partisan makeup of their samples at all, because doing so is unscientific and introduces bias into the results.

My point is this: What does it say about our political discourse that instead of debating real issues like how to create jobs, we were squabbling over the validity of public opinion polls?

And this argument was far from an isolated incident. Once Romney's gaffe-laden September began to weigh down his poll numbers, Republican media outlets from the *Weekly Standard* to *Breitbart.com* launched a full-on assault against the pollsters, accusing them of deliberately misrepresenting their data to give Obama favorable media coverage—even while many of the polls came from Republican-leaning organizations like *Insider Advantage*, *Civitas* and *Fox News*.

Right-wing Republicans are so allergic to facts contradicting their worldview that they demonize anyone who provides them. Liberal Democrats, for their part, while they have a much healthier attitude toward science than their conservative counterparts, often exhibit a hysterical terror of free-market capitalism that borders on paranoia. These are the filters through which Romney and President Obama will deliver their agendas tomorrow, and through which the public will determine a victor.

So I can't help rolling my eyes whenever I hear about how the debate could be a "game-changer" in the race. It's a refrain popular among both the mainstream media and Republican establishment figures. But most of the debate watchers will be so convinced of their candidate's rightness that they'll be ready to declare a "winner" before Jim Lehrer has even cleared his throat.

Still, the debates are worth paying attention to, mainly for the gaffes they can produce. If either candidate has anything like a Rick Perry "oops" moment, expect it to dominate the media narrative from now until Election Day. And it's true that this is one of Romney's last chances to convince voters he is, in fact, a human. But, save for some instructive moments of spontaneity, tomorrow will be a battle of tired campaign talking points, and it will have all the intellectual depth of a Facebook flame war.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Jumbos make deep runs at ITAs as Katz reaches round of 16

BY JORGE MONROY-PALACIO
Contributing Writer

A week after 5-4 and 9-0 wins over MIT and Brandeis, respectively, the women's tennis team traveled to MIT to play in the USTA/ITA New England Regional Championships, brimming with confidence.

The Jumbos started off the tournament Friday morning and brought their strong team chemistry with them, something that they carried throughout the day until they left the courts late that night.

"Friday was a really long day. The first match went on at 8:15 a.m. and we were the last people there playing until 11 p.m.," senior co-captain Lindsay Katz said. "Regardless of how people had done or when they finished, nobody chose to leave, but instead everyone chose to stay to cheer and support at every match."

Unlike at team matches, staying until everyone finishes playing is not required at individual tournaments, where focus is a necessity due to the high level of competition.

"We were able to play some of the strongest players in the region, and I think everyone stepped up to the plate," senior co-captain Janice Lam said.

This included Katz, who came in ranked among the top players in the tournament and played some brilliant tennis to make it to the round of 16.

Katz faced fellow Tufts player Lam in the first round, grinding out a 6-3 6-2 victory before sweeping Bates' Jacqui Holmes 6-1 6-0 in the second round. Katz bowed out in the third round, though, as she could not keep her momentum going against the fifth seed, Jordan Brewer of Amherst.

Despite entering the tournament unseeded, senior Lauren Hollender denied seventh seed Elena Mandzhukova an entry into the second round with a 6-4 6-1 first round victory. In her second match, Hollender faced eventual semifinalist Rebecca Curran from Williams. While the match was initially very close, Curran pulled away to win 7-5 6-1.

Junior Samantha Gann also put together an impressive tournament, winning her first two matches before falling to a higher seeded opponent in the round of 16.

"Overall, I think the weekend went well," Katz said. "Our No. 2 doubles team had two really great wins, [Hollender] and [Gann] both had wins over seeded players in singles, while [Gann] and I both advanced to the round of 16 before falling to higher seeded players. Having two out of the 16 players in the round of 16 be from Tufts is a strong showing for us."

In the doubles portion of the tournament, however, the Jumbos did not see as much success. Both Tufts duos were bested by pairs from Middlebury, as Hollender and Lam fell in the first round to the fifth seed, while Bowman and

Katz lost in the second round.

Although they came into doubles play unseeded, the Gann and Schonfeld pair made some noise at the tournament, after upsetting the second seeded team from Bowdoin in a grueling 9-7 showdown. Another close match ensued, as the Jumbos eked out a tight win against Williams, 9-8, to sneak into the round of 16 before falling to the fifth seeded pair from Trinity.

In spite of the team's strong play in the ITA Championships, Gann, who was named to the all-conference second team as a sophomore in the 2012 NESCAC spring season, acknowledged there is room for the team to improve.

"We know what to work on in these couple of weeks," Gann said. "I have no doubt that each one of us will step on the court ready to gain as much as possible from every minute on the court."

Next up for the Jumbos is the New England Women's Intercollegiate Tennis Tournament hosted by Amherst, Smith and Mount Holyoke in mid-October.

"While the weekend overall went well, I feel like we have a lot we want to work on in order to take it to the next level," Katz said. "The good thing is, it's only September so we have a lot of time to make the improvements that we know we need to make. I think we all have something to take away from the weekend, both in terms of confidence and what to work on."



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Shelci Bowman and Lindsay Katz won a doubles match this weekend.

Jumbos look past Amherst loss, to re-establish offensive dominance against Camels

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advantage that they didn't relinquish.

"His goal was great because Bates had just played at Hamilton and had two long bus rides, so it was important to not even give them hope of getting any points out of the game," Hoppenot said. "If we had had trouble scoring, they would have gotten some momentum, and it would have been a completely different game."

In the 32nd minute, junior midfielder Scott Blumenthal added another goal, his first of the season. Santos, who was credited with the assist, created the chance after taking a shot that was saved by Polito. Blumenthal hammered home the rebound into an open goal to double the Jumbos' advantage.

Tufts added two more scores in the second half en route to its most lopsided victory of the season. Senior co-captain defender Pat Bauer, more known for his defensive prowess at left back than his attacking ability, scored the first goal of his collegiate career in the 60th

minute. Sophomore midfielder Mike Miele also registered his first collegiate goal after volleying in a cross from freshman midfielder Rui Pinheiro.

The four-goal performance, according to Zeller, was just the offensive explosion that Tufts needed to regain its form after scoring just one goal in its three previous matches.

"We were able to recover from the first loss of the season, a 0-1-2 stretch, and our worst period of soccer thus far by taking advantage of the turf field, scoring four goals and dominating the style of play," Zeller said. "It was great to see us dictate the terms of the soccer game — something we haven't done for an entire 90 minute period — and put a team away early."

Saturday was a completely different story for the Jumbos.

At last year's Homecoming, a raucous crowd and two first-half goals from Hoppenot rallied Tufts to a 2-1 win against Williams. The energized crowd showed up again on Saturday, but the Jumbos were unable to do

anything offensively to excite it. The Jumbos registered a single shot on goal and only created a handful of dangerous scoring chances against the Lord Jeffs.

"We got sucked into playing their style of play which was not to our advantage at all, and we had a little bit of trouble recovering and finding our feet throughout the game," Hoppenot said.

Amherst scored both of its goals in the first half. In the 9th minute, junior forward Jae Heo struck after a long throw-in from senior captain midfielder Chris Lerner and sloppy defense at the back post from the Jumbos.

The Lord Jeffs doubled their advantage in the 37th minute. Amherst's junior midfielder Julien Aoyama was fouled in the box by sophomore defender Sam Williams. Aoyama took his own chance and beat Zeller, who had no chance of making a save after guessing the wrong way.

Tufts was looking at an inevitable defeat after Santos hit the post on a penalty kick of his own in the 40th minute. The Jumbos

earned the chance when Hoppenot was fouled in the box. Santos, who netted a penalty kick earlier this season against Plymouth State, had freshman goalkeeper Thomas Bull beat, but his shot hit the left post and stayed out.

Tufts hardly threatened in the second half, as Amherst, arguably the most physical team in the league, used their size advantage to control the midfield and possession of the ball en route to a comfortable 2-0 victory.

"Against Amherst, we never really got to impose our style of play," Zeller said. "Unfortunately, we allowed them to dictate the terms of the match and only got to playing a few times, which speaks to the result."

After enjoying a well-deserved five days off, the Jumbos play again on Saturday at Conn. College, who are 0-2-3 in the NESCAC and 2-2-3 overall. The Camels have only scored one goal in five conference matches, but they have allowed just seven, meaning it won't be easy for the Jumbos to reestablish the offensive form that it enjoyed on Sunday.

Tufts loses to No. 6 Amherst before drawing with Bates

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"Amherst definitely stepped up a bit from how they were playing in the first half," Wright said. "But I think we were still definitely coming out hard and looking for shots. We just had one or two defensive breakdowns."

The Jumbos continued to push, led by Blank, who finished the game with four shots and felt comfortable throughout.

"Our forwards did a really good job of dropping off the ball," Blank said. "We worked a lot on that in practice last week, just creating space behind their middies and ripping a shot whenever you can."

But in the end, Tufts failed to break down the Amherst defense, falling 2-0 for its fifth

consecutive NESCAC loss at the time.

The Jumbos will need to build quickly on the Bates result, with only four conference games and two non-conference games left to play. They will have a chance to figure some things out on Wednesday when they host Suffolk before traveling to NESCAC bottom-dweller Conn. College on Saturday for a game that is seemingly a must-win if Tufts hopes to make the NESCAC tournament. As the season passes its halfway point, the Jumbos will look to start anew.

"[Coach] Martha Whiting put it really well when she said 'Bates is the start of our new season,'" Blank said. "We have a chance to take it to them, and we're really looking forward to this Suffolk game to get our feet underneath us and get going from there."



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The women's soccer team picked up its first NESCAC point of the season this weekend with a 0-0 draw against Bates, but again failed to generate any goals.

MEN'S TENNIS

Men's tennis team shows great promise in second 2012 tournament

BY ANDY LINDER
Contributing Writer

After playing well at the Middlebury Invitational two weeks ago, the men's tennis squad continued its strong play this past weekend at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Regional Championships hosted by Williams College. The ITAs showcased a number of top Div. III standouts and presented a tough challenge to the ever-improving Tufts team.

Coach Jaime Kenney's new-look 2012 team looked sharp from the start. Both doubles teams and almost all the singles players representing the Jumbos won at least one match convincingly on Friday morning, including freshman standout Jay Glickman, who managed to advance to the third round of the singles draw.

Glickman took home his first two victories with little stress, defeating Bates' Henry Lee 6-0, 6-1 followed by Middlebury's Courtney Mountfield 6-4, 6-3. While senior tri-captain Andrew Lutz won his first round match 6-0, 7-5, he fell to fourth-seed Trey Meyer from Williams in a second-round, three-set thriller. Both doubles pairings fought extremely well, yet neither made it past the second round.

Although some of the Jumbos did lose tight matches at ITAs, spirits nevertheless remained high following the tournament.

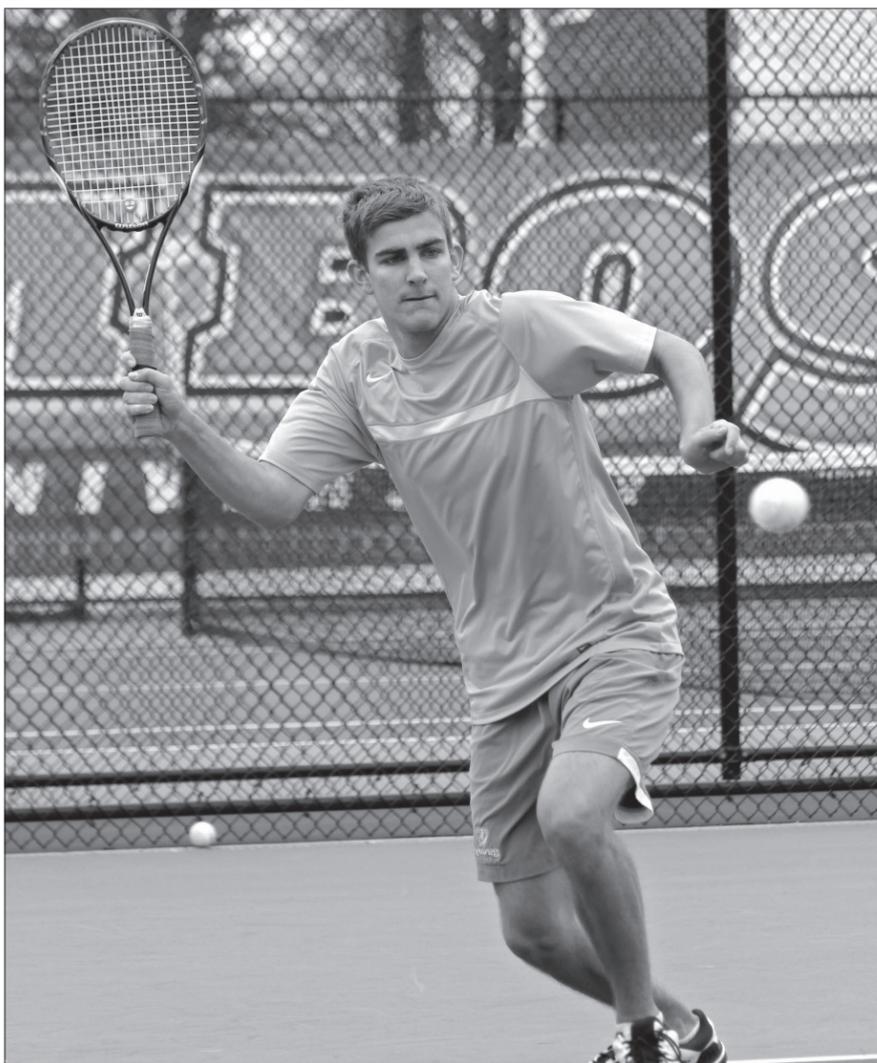
"It was a great team effort, and while we had tough competition, we competed very well," Lutz said. "It was definitely good to scout our opponents, and we're fired up to both play at the Bates Invitational next weekend and then to play these teams again in the spring."

Now that the Jumbos have two tournaments under their belt, Kenney feels extremely confident about her team's potential for the upcoming season.

"Our theme for 2012-2013 is all about the process," Kenney said. "As long as we continue to work hard in practice, the results will come."

The members of this year's squad believe that despite the stiff competition that the NESCAC presents every year, Tufts will fare extremely well once dual matches begin at the end of October. Kenney notes that senior tri-captains Lutz, Mark Westerfield and Andrew McHugh have a solid plan for this season.

"For these captains, it's team first 100 percent," Kenney said. "While we lost two strong players that graduated this past year, we continue to get better everyday and no one player



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Despite facing poor weather conditions and a field filled with tough Div. III competitors, the men's tennis team comported itself well in only its second tournament of the year.

here is any more important than the next."

One major piece to the 2012-2013 puzzle will be Glickman, a first year who comes in to head Kenney's recruiting class, which, according to tennisrecruiting.net, was the eighth best in Div. III. Glickman played at the top of the ladder for Horace Greeley High School in Chappaqua, N.Y. last year, and will jump right into a top singles spot this season for the Jumbos.

"When I first got to know Jay a couple years ago, I never thought I would be able to get him to come play here at Tufts," Kenney said. "Now that he has settled into our start-

ing rotation, I know he's a terrific fit and will be a wonderful addition to this team for the next four years."

The Jumbos should be one of the deepest teams in the NESCAC, as Kenney has brought in a number of other freshmen to complement her squad, including Rob Jacobson, Josh Girson and Karl Wilander, along with Bulgarian junior champion Nick Telkedzhiev.

"We're going to try as best we can to hold firm against these top teams," Jacobson said. "We can definitely compete with them all, and it should be an exciting season."

AARON LEIBOWITZ | THE FAN

On Backyard Baseball



I considered writing this column about the Giants' loss to the Eagles on Sunday. Then I realized it would be way more fun to write about Backyard Baseball.

Backyard Baseball was a computer game in which a bunch of made-up kids played pickup baseball whenever the hell I told them to. It required a mere click of the mouse, and I played it so much that I not only can still name every backyard kid, but can also provide in-depth analysis of each one. Try me.

I don't always remember what I ate for breakfast that morning, but there are moments in Backyard Baseball games that I remember like they happened yesterday. Who could forget Mikey Thomas's walk-off homer in Game 7 of the BBWS, over the short porch in centerfield at Steele Stadium? You can't make this stuff up.

Of course, the fun of Backyard Baseball — which, by the way, now also exists as a video game — wasn't just in winning. It was in stacking your team with all the best players, playing on the lowest difficulty level and then winning by ridiculous margins.

My friend Sam and I used to play in tee-ball mode, frequently posting run totals of 150 or more. (A couple of years ago, we tried doing this again and couldn't score more than 10. Lost the touch, I guess.) Whenever we'd hit a single, we'd get in a pickle between first and second base for several minutes before the other team would inevitably throw the ball away.

What truly made the game unique, though, were the kids themselves. They had nicknames and personalities; strengths and weaknesses; bizarre and hilarious quirks.

Pete Wheeler had lightning speed, but he'd always zone out and forget what sport he was playing. Maria Luna only played well when her team wore pink. Mikey Thomas had an eternal cold.

Ricky Johnson had the skills to be a good player, but he didn't have the self-esteem. Marky Dubois brought his pet frog to games and wrestled pigs in his spare time. Dante Robinson was fast, but he just couldn't stop thinking about hamburgers.

Along with the quirky characters came some ingenious infield chatter. There were the old standards: "We wanna batter, not a broken ladder!" and "We wanna pitcher, not a belly-itcher!"

But then there were others, like this gem from the ever-nerdy Dmitri Petrovich: "May I remind you that the primary objective is to hit the ball?" Or this, from lovable power hitter Keisha Phillips: "Watch out, Batman! Here comes the Joker!" And from Pete Wheeler: "Betcha can't hit a touch-down."

Backyard Baseball was my childhood, and I could go on and on talking about the ins and outs of the game. Is the Big Freeze or the Fireball the better power-up pitch? What are the pros and cons of the Screaming Line Drive?

But this is a column about being a fan, and therefore I should be writing it for some reason other than to fulfill my nostalgic needs. I have a responsibility to instill some sports-related wisdom in my readers' minds.

You see, folks, what Backyard Baseball ultimately shows us is the dirtying influence of big money in sport, that's not right.

All in all, Backyard Baseball reminds us that human error is just an inherent part of— no, that's not it either.

I guess at the end of the day, Backyard Baseball proves that it's reckless and harmful to use war metaphors in— what were we talking about again?

And so, in conclusion, Pablo Sanchez is the greatest hitter of all time.

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Elephants in the Room

	My favorite article of clothing	Sport I would play if I wasn't playing my sport	Favorite Meal	Time period I would want to live in
 Senior Kendall Lord Volleyball	My retro Patagonia from eBay	Table Tennis	Definitely breakfast - egg in a hole with avocado	Prehistoric times
 Senior Matt Rand Cross Country	My black arm warmers	Baseball	Dewick mac and cheese followed by oreo creme pie	Boston in the 1770s
 Sophomore Nikki Blank Women's Soccer	My penguin hat	Quidditch	Dewick's vegetarian meatballs	The '60s
 Senior Andrew Rayner Football	Anything sleeveless	Competitive foosball with Landon Davis	Buffalo wings from the pub	The Westward Expansion

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MEN'S SOCCER

Tufts crushes Bates, falls to Amherst this weekend

BY MATT BERGER
Senior Staff Writer

On paper, the men's soccer team should be a legitimate contender for the conference championship finals, with a likely

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Bates	0	0	—	0
Tufts	2	2	—	4
at Kraft Field, Saturday				
Amherst	2	0	—	2
Tufts	0	0	—	0

chance of gaining an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

The Jumbos, now 5-1-2 overall and 3-1-2 in the NESCAC, have played up those high expectations in most matches. But at other times they have fallen prey to stretches of offensive lethargy, failing to either play with urgency or to consistently finish the offensive chances that they have generated.

The team's weekend mirrored its season: a disappointing 2-0 loss to the Lord Jeffs on Saturday and a dominant 4-0 victory over the Bobcats on Sunday. But because of the striking disparity in quality between Amherst, the second-ranked team in the country,

and Bates, the lowest-ranked team in the NESCAC, the results were to be expected and don't say much about how the second half of the regular season will play out.

On Sunday, the Jumbos faced the hapless Bobcats on the turf at Bello Field. The Bobcats are now 0-5-1 in NESCAC matches and have allowed 13 goals, while scoring only two in conference play.

Last season, Tufts topped Bates with an overtime golden goal on a corner kick in the 103rd minute. Then-junior midfielder Rafa Ramos-Meyer played the ball into the box to then-freshman midfielder Kyle Volpe, who headed it home for the Jumbos' seventh victory of the year.

But the Jumbos had little to worry about this year, however, as Tufts dominated play from the opening kickoff and saw little resistance from the visiting Bobcats. Tufts outshot Bates 17-5 overall and dominated the 9-2 in shots on goal. Junior goalkeeper Wyatt Zeller, a steady though unsung contributor thus far, recorded his fifth shutout, pulling him into a tie for first in the conference.

"I think he's done really well for someone who came in with so little playing time under his belt," sophomore forward Maxime Hoppenot said. "He has matured with every passing game."

"As a goalkeeper, I couldn't be happier and more impressed with the defensive back four and holding midfielders," Zeller added. "I think that a strong, trustworthy relationship has formed between the back line and myself, which is crucial for success at this level. The



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The men's soccer team suffered its first loss of the season against Amherst.

defense has created a no-nonsense mindset within the team, and I believe it has spread to other players on the field."

Tufts' first goal came in the 11th minute. Sophomore midfielder Gus Santos, the reigning NESCAC Rookie of the Year, capitalized

on a Bates turnover. He dribbled the ball to the top of the box and sent a low shot to the corner, beating the Bobcats' freshman goalkeeper Sam Polito to give the Jumbos an early

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Tufts held scoreless again, gets one point on weekend

BY ETHAN STURM
Daily Editorial Board

After entering the weekend well rested and with high expectations, the women's soccer team had a mixed bag of results. Though

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Tufts failed to score a goal in either of its two games, the Jumbos did follow up a 2-0 loss to No. 6 Amherst with a 0-0 draw against Bates in their first point-yielding NESCAC result of the 2012 season.

Sunday's game against the Bobcats was played in rainy conditions, forcing it off Kraft Field and onto the turf of Bello. Both teams struggled to get comfortable on the slick field early on, leading to a sloppy first half.

"This weekend was really rough conditions-wise," sophomore midfielder Nikki Blank said. "Everything was really wet and slick, and we were playing on turf, which isn't our normal thing. So I think in the first half we took a while to adjust to that, and we were playing a few balls long."

Less than a minute in, Bates senior midfielder Sam Rose found space and was able to force junior keeper Kristin Wright into a save. It would be the goalie's only work in the opening 45, the result of a resolute performance from her backline.

"We're really taking care of business defensively," Wright said. "I definitely think we're getting there."

Freshman forward Allie Weiller had the Jumbos' best chance of the first half. With time in the box she beat the Bates keeper, only to be kept out by the post. The Jumbos managed a couple more shots, but nothing to test the junior Anabel Schmelz.

In the second half, things began to pick up on both sides of the ball. Tufts outshot Bates

8-6 in the half, but after an early chance from Tufts that missed just wide Bates controlled the action. It looked dire for Tufts in the 84th minute when junior forward Jaimie Cappucci was through on goal for Bates. But Wright dove low to her right to parry the blast and the rebound eventually fell harmlessly into her hands.

The overtime period was a true test, as both teams were playing their second match in as many days. Weiller and Cappucci both made opportunities for themselves, but in the end, neither truly threatened to break the tie. The game ended 0-0, giving Tufts its first point in NESCAC play and bumping the team out of a last play tie with Conn. College. Though Tufts has only scored two goals in its last eight games, the Jumbos currently sit just three points outside of NESCAC tournament status.

On Saturday, buoyed by a sizable Homecoming crowd, Tufts came out ready to play against nationally-ranked Amherst. The Jumbos hung with the Lord Jeffs for much of the first half and came dangerously close to taking the lead in the 15th minute, when Blank found herself in space and slammed one just off the post.

"It was the best we played all season. We were all pretty stoked with how we were playing," Blank said. "We were definitely playing better than they were."

But it all came undone for the Jumbos in the 39th minute, when a miscommunication led to a momentum-sapping own goal.

"It was a really unfortunate circumstance," Wright said. "The ball came in kind of funky, and we didn't really get the clear that we wanted. It bounced off of [sophomore defender] Catharine [Greer] kind of strangely, and it was just kind of a freak of nature thing."

Still, Tufts continued to push until the half-time whistle, launching two more shots and forcing freshman keeper Holly Burwick into her only save of the day. But the Jumbos remained confident going into the break.

In the second half, Amherst came out looking to put Tufts away. The Lord Jeffs sent a warning shot when they hit the crossbar in the 47th minute, but got their payoff in the 61st when freshman Megan Kim slipped through the defense and slotted a shot into the corner of the net, all but putting the game away.

NESCAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Perkins, Santos win NESCAC Player of the Week honors after strong Homecoming weekend

Gus Santos

Sophomore forward Gus Santos used a strong performance against the Bates Bobcats on Sunday to catapult himself to win the NESCAC Men's Soccer Player of the Week. Santos, the 2011 NESCAC rookie of the year, became the first Tufts men's soccer player to be named Player of the Week since 2005, when Mattia Chason (LA '07) was given the award.

After going winless in its prior three games, coach Josh Shapiro's squad was in desperate need of an offensive spark on Sunday against Bates. Santos responded by fueling the Jumbo offense in their crucial 4-0 victory over the Bobcats, recording one goal and one assist in the blowout.

He has been the center of the resurgent Jumbos attack all season, providing the team with speed up front and leading the team in points and shots taken. With the win on Sunday, the Jumbos improved to 5-1-2 on the season and now sit tied for third place in the NESCAC standings.

Kelsey Perkins

Coming off a four-goal week, including a hat trick in the Jumbos' victory over No. 12 Amherst on Homecoming, senior Kelsey Perkins became the second Tufts field hockey player given player of the week honors in 2012 after junior midfielder Emily Cannon won the award a week ago.

Perkins scored all three of Tufts' goals in regulation on Saturday, including two in the first six minutes of the second half to earn her first career hat trick. Teammate Lia Sagerman netted the winning goal in overtime to drown the Lord Jeffs and improve the Jumbos' record to 7-1 on the season.

Entering Saturday's matchup against conference foe Conn. College, Perkins leads the team in goals with six on a .545 shooting percentage. Five out of the squad's six remaining games are against NESCAC competitors, giving Perkins and the No. 13 Jumbos even more opportunities to prove themselves among the conference's best.

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